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Election suspense draws intense interest



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The myth of apathy among college students was struck down on Election Day when approximately 450 students attended Drew's Election Watch to show support for their favorite presidential candidate and share the experience with other members of Drew.

Enthusiasm and intensity filled University Center 107 as people crowded around television monitors and projection screens in anticipation of the election results. Although the crowd waned further into the night, devoted students stayed until 2 a.m.

America did not find out until Wednesday that Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass) conceded the presidency to President George W. Bush. Bush won 279 electoral votes, while Kerry had 252. According to the *As-*



sociated Press, voter turnout was almost 120 million, the highest since 1968, with Bush winning 51 percent of the popular vote and Kerry winning 48 percent. According to *Rockthevote.com*, roughly 10 percent more people ages 18 to 29 voted in this year's election compared to 2000.

Members of the Drew community anxiously waited for the results during the

Election Watch on Tuesday night.

Freshman Matt Troy planned to stay the entire time. He said that the event was both "informing and entertaining." Sophomore Jenn Montalto felt that because the voter turnout among the college-aged population is the lowest, Election Watch was important for fostering interest in voting.

College Republicans President Toni



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Far Left: Freshman Andrew Cordes talks with Professor of Political Science Johannes Morsink about the election on Tuesday night.

Left: A group of Kerry supporters remain hopeful at 1 a.m. that Kerry will win the election.

Above: Junior Adam Alonso intently watches news coverage.

Koch, a junior, said that the event's turnout proved how politically motivated Drew is. "Politics is becoming more mainstream to get involved in, and hopefully, students will realize how important politics is on every level." The Election Watch promoted voting on levels other than the presidential level

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Professor helps student overcome a voting snafu

Meghan Van Dyk
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Sophomore Victor Garcia didn't expect to drive to court with a professor on Tuesday morning. However, that's where he ended up when he was denied his right to vote. Professor of Biology Tammy Windfelder drove Garcia to the Morris County Courthouse because Garcia didn't have a ride.

"I was really excited to vote for the first time," Garcia, 19, of Belleville, said. At 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Garcia walked to the Grace Episcopal Church to cast his vote. While the volunteer searched for his name, she peered at him quizzically and told him his name was not on the list of registered voters. Garcia said she offered him two options: Go to the Morris County Courthouse to stand before a judge or give up.

Garcia said he had no transportation and opted to give up and walk back to campus.

However, Garcia was sure he registered to vote — at least twice.



MEGHAN VAN DYK

Professor Tammy Windfelder and sophomore Victor Garcia discuss next semester's classes. Windfelder drove Garcia to Morris County Courthouse on Tuesday so that Garcia could vote.

"The first time was during my freshman year, when NJPIRG [New Jersey Public Interest Research Group] registered voters," Garcia said. Because he did not receive any confirmation, "I took it upon myself to register again in September," he said. Again, he did not receive any confirmation.

"I called the NJ Voter Hotline to check my status [before the election]," Garcia said. But the hotline was too busy to help him. "So, I just showed up to vote."

While the volunteers were figuring out Garcia's options, he saw Windfelder and told her his story.

"I had trouble registering when I moved to New Jersey and went to vote last year," Windfelder said.

"The [Department of Motor Vehicles] lost my registration twice." Windfelder was given the same options as Garcia. However, it was too late for her to make it to the court house.

Garcia left the church while Windfelder was voting. She spotted him on his way back to campus, according to Garcia. "She offered me a ride to the court house," Garcia said. "She didn't want me to have a negative experience my first time voting."

When they arrived at the Morris County Courthouse, Garcia registered to vote and waited for his turn to stand before the judge.

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Kean will deliver swan song address at Commencement

Glendora Meikle
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Instead of twiddling their thumbs until sometime in April, waiting to see what type of celebrity Drew recruits to be this year's Commencement speaker, the Class of 2005 can get ready to welcome a familiar face to the stage: University President Tom Kean will deliver the Commencement address to this

the honor, which he did with his usual humility."

Kean announced his decision to leave the University after the end of this fiscal year in late August, citing reasons of this simply being the right time for him personally and in the interest of the University. He has given no indication of any plans he is considering post-Drew.

Kean kicked off this year's Forum Speaker series Oct. 26. The topic of his address was terrorism and the 9/11 Commission, of which he was appointed chair by President Bush in December of 2002. Before coming to Drew to serve as president in February 1990, Kean was a two-term governor of New Jersey, elected to his second term by the highest win margin the state has ever seen. Kean is traveling out of state this week, but supplied this statement to *The Acorn*: "I am delighted to have the opportunity to address the Class of 2005 on the day of their graduation. It has been an honor to celebrate 14 years of commencements with Drew students, but this ceremony, my last as president of Drew, will be particularly meaningful to me."

"I hope everyone's excited about it," Moed said.

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year's graduating class.

Chair of the Honorary Degrees Committee and member of the Board of Trustees Pam Moed announced this week that the committee unanimously voted that Kean should receive the honor of addressing the last class to graduate under his tenure as University president.

"In the weeks following Kean's announcement to depart, I was approached by faculty, students ... many people with this suggestion," Moed said. "So I proposed it to the committee, they loved the idea, and we asked President Kean to accept

Drew in Brief

Class registration begins Monday

College of Liberal Arts registration for the 2005 spring semester begins Monday at 9 a.m. in the Registrar's Office. Registration closes Nov. 18 at 5 p.m. Registrations filed after the pre-registration period are subject to a \$125 late charge.

First-years and sophomores have the option of filing on line beginning at 8 p.m. on their assigned days. Students unable to access their computers may register online in BC 5 (lower level). Be sure to clear accounts with the Business Office ahead of time.

Career Center hosts events

The Career Center is sponsoring a non-profit career fair on Monday. Stop by the UC lobby between noon and 1:30 p.m. for information.

There will be a Peace Corps information session on Monday beginning at 4:30 p.m. in U.C. 104.

ACNelson BASES will be in UC 104 for an information session on Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. They will offer interviews by appointment on Wednesday.

The Senior-Alumni Networking Event will take place Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Mead Hall.

Humanities hosts exploration speaker

The next installment of the Fall 2004 Humanities Public Lecture Series will feature Dr. Laurence Bergreen on Wednesday. Bergreen is author of the best-selling book *Over the Edge of the World: Magellan's Terrifying Circumnavigation of the Globe*.

The lecture will take place in LC 28 beginning at 7 p.m. The author will sign copies of the book which will be available for sale at the lecture.

Holocaust survivor shares experiences

The Center for Holocaust/Genocide Study will hold its 12th Annual Conference commemorating Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass) Thursday. Entitled "The Diary as Witness: Victor Klemperer's Unique Chronicle of the Decline and Ultimate Destruction of Jewish Life in Nazi Germany."

Conference hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The morning session will take place in Baldwin Gym. The afternoon performance is at 12:45 p.m. in U.C. 107. Registration is \$40 per person.

Faculty exhibition opens next Friday

The Opening Reception for the Art Department Faculty Exhibition will take place Nov. 12 in the Korn Gallery of the Dorothy Young Center for the Arts.

The reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibition continues until Nov. 20. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Kean's Open Hour

President Kean's next Open Hour will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in his office on the second floor of Mead Hall.

Commons manager expresses gratitude

Saman Asheer

Assistant News Editor

Commons Night Manager Hatef Quazi loved his green Honda Accord. He loved it so much that he crashed it into the security booth Oct. 29.

Quazi was coming to work that day and was slightly early. "I usually get to work around 4:30 p.m. and I was about 10 minutes early last Thursday so I was taking my time," Quazi said. As he was driving he realized he was too close to the curb on the right side of the road. "I swerved so I wouldn't hit it so my car wouldn't get damaged, but I didn't realize that the security booth was so close already. I got so nervous about my car and what was going on that I pressed the gas instead of the brake," Quazi said. His car crashed into the security booth and had to be towed away.

"I was so nervous and shaken after what happened. I wasn't physically hurt, but the mental trauma of having an accident really got to me," Quazi said. According to him, Quazi has a very clean driving record. "In my twenty years of driving in the U.S. I have never been in an accident," Quazi said. Public Safety received a call about the accident and immediately came to the scene.

"They were all very helpful and most concerned about my safety.



Everybody just wanted to know what happened," Quazi said.

Director of Food Services Tom Lambert drove Quazi to The Commons. "Tom was especially helpful. He really stayed with me the whole time of the accident and afterwards. I didn't work that day, but I was able to try to relax after the accident. [Food Services Manager Carlos Navarro] even brought me a glass of water to calm me down," Quazi said.

However, the car Quazi was so attached to has met a tragic fate. "My car is totaled. I don't think it can be

repaired," Quazi said. For now, Quazi's insurance has given him a rental car, a Kia Spectra, for 30 days. "I haven't been contacted about damages to the security booth by anyone, so I don't know how that is being worked out," Quazi said.

As for the booth, all that remains are a few orange cones around the area where the security booth once stood. Public Safety has offered suggestions for a new booth to Vice President of Finance and Business Affairs Mike McKitish. The suggestions were chosen from *sheltersdirect.com*. The new booth



SAMAN ASHEER

Above: Commons Night Manager Hatef Quazi crashed his car into the security booth last week.

Left: This is one of the proposals for the new security booth. It may be ordered if Mike McKitish, who is in charge of University purchasing, chooses it among the other models.

may include a new color scheme of red and cream and, if chosen will be on a platform. "It's only a suggestion right now. We don't know the exact booth and when it will be here yet," Administrative Assistant to Public Safety Amy Sugerman said.

"These booths are pretty expensive, usually in the thousands. Right now, we're just trying to look at possibilities to get a new booth as soon as possible," Sugerman said. Currently, the security guard is using a university van and a stop sign to check visitors coming on campus.

Election Watch reveals polarization

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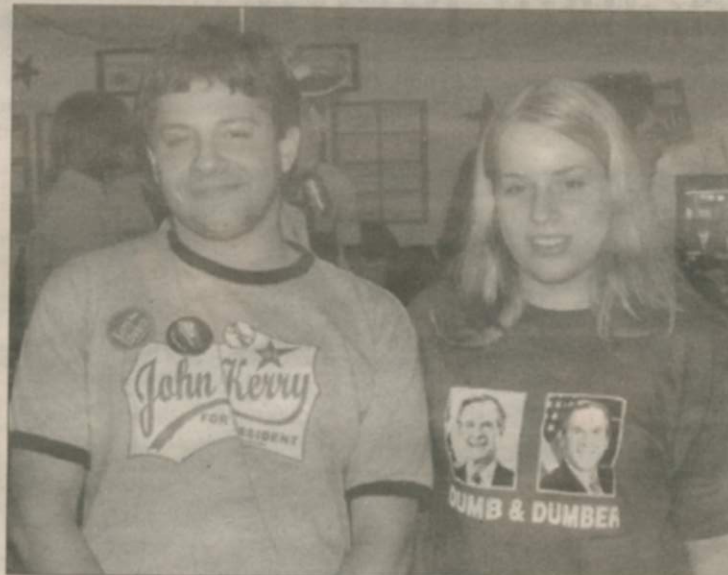
by monitoring gubernatorial, senatorial, House and all close New Jersey elections.

Both the College Republicans and College Democrats were active in promoting voting prior to the Election Watch. The main effort of the College Republicans was working with the John Murphy campaign, a major New Jersey gubernatorial candidate, on a get-out-the-vote drive, Koch said. The College Democrats registered more than 100 Drew students to vote and canvassed door-to-door in Madison and Pennsylvania, according to sophomore Ben Weingrod, the President of the College Democrats. On Election Day, volunteers from the College Democrats went to Morris County to campaign for Kerry, he added.

Several faculty members commented on the large level of excitement in the room. According to Vice President of the University and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts Paolo Cucchi, students of past years were "pretty apathetic" during elections, but the "enthusiasm and sheer amount of interest is much greater this year." Professor of Political Science Doug Simon was impressed with the turnout as well. Simon has been in charge of running the event since 1972. "The Election Watch is a unique event [because] undergrads have only one shot at it while they're here at Drew," Simon said.

The Election Watch seemed to be divided on partisan lines, with groups of Drew students cheering or groaning while each state went to Bush or Kerry.

Drew is typically viewed as leaning towards the left, but as the results revealed, "A lot of students seemed to be pretty happy that Bush was winning," Professor of Political Science Phil Mundo said. However, Vice President of College



PHOTOS BY MEGHAN VAN DYK

Above: Sophomores Ben Weingrod and Stephanie Aspras showed up to the Election Watch wearing T-shirts supporting Sen. John Kerry. Left: Freshman Matt Troy gets a closer view of the news coverage of the election on Tuesday night.

shame that such a struggle is put up against [third-party candidates]. That's a flaw in our democracy."

Regardless of political preference, more students are voting and showing interest in politics. According to Alonso, Drew's newly formed Political Science Club held five events this year, including the presidential and vice presidential debates, all of which had an audience of more than 120. The club plans to hold an event on the judiciary branch next semester and another on New Jersey leadership next year. This event has been a Drew tradition since the 1960 Kennedy election, Simon said.

The Political Science Department, the Political Science Club

and the John H. Ewing Center hosted the event, which required planning from last summer, according to Simon.

The Election Watch cost about \$1,000, which covered raffle prizes of political caricature cards, Arnold Schwarzenegger campaign buttons and a *West Wing* hat. People participated in an electoral prediction, for which the prize was Jon Stewart's book, *America (the book): A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction*. The contest results cannot be determined until the votes are counted in New Mexico and Iowa. "I will say that it is down to two people," Simon said.

Drew's student-run radio station WMNJ broadcasted the Election Watch from UC 107. "The radio station provided a supplement to people who were unable to make it down [to the Election Watch]," General Manager of WMNJ Chris Chesebro said. The station gave updates on the election in intervals of 30 to 40 minutes. In addition to covering the presidential election, the updates included news on swing states and other candidates' positions on issues such as gay marriages, Chesebro added. WMNJ interviewed various members of Drew's faculty and student body, including Simon and Mundo.

According to Chair and Associate Professor of Political Science Catherine Keyser, the Election Watch was "bittersweet" for the Political Science Department because Simon, who organized the event for most of his Drew career, is retiring at the end of this academic year.

"I'll probably drop by [at the next Election Watch] just to say hello," Simon said. Keyser's announcement over the microphone, "Let's bring him back in four years to run the watch," was met with applause and cheering.

Poke me: Facebook frenzy hits Drew

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Contributing Writer

Drew students are being poked all day long. They are being poked by high school friends, Drew friends and people they don't know. Poking is a way to alert friends that you are online.

Thefacebook.com, an internet database that connects college students with their peers, has a lot of Drew students struggling to pull themselves away from their computers.

On Oct. 26, Drew University was officially added to the long list of over 200 colleges and universities supported by *Thefacebook.com*. *Thefacebook.com* is an online directory on which students can make profiles, put up their picture and look up other students not only by name, but by course selection, interests, dorm, politics, academic concentrations and favorite movies — just to name a few.

Thefacebook.com was originally started at by computer science major Mark Zuckerberg, at Harvard University in February of 2004. According to *The Stanford Daily*, Zuckerberg's reasoning for creating the site was simple — "I just wanted to improve other people's lives."

Gradually, Zuckerberg's cre-



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Above: Sophomore Remy Onstad e-mailed *Thefacebook.com* creators to add Drew to the database.

Right: *The Acorn's* profile on *Thefacebook.com*

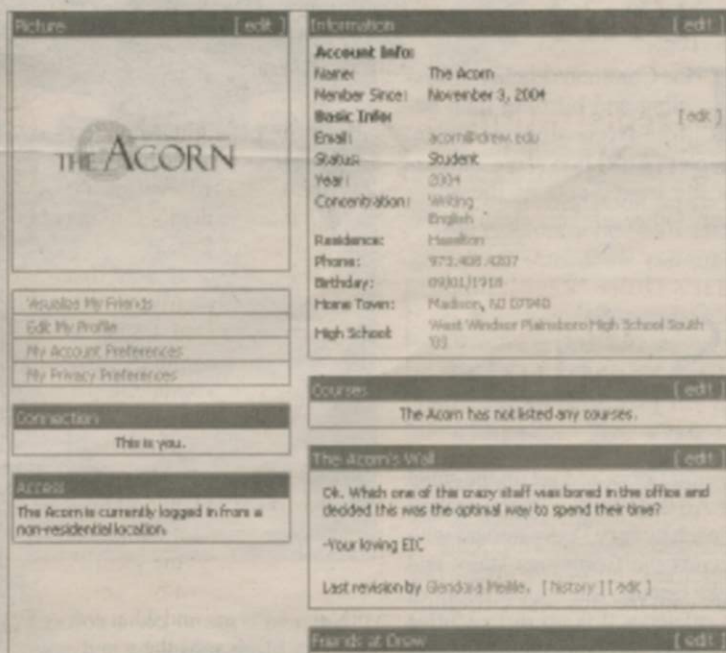
ation became popular at Harvard and once word-of-mouth traveled, the website spread across top-tier universities like wildfire. Chris Hughes, *Thefacebook's* "official press guy," explained that he and his co-workers do not simply pick schools at random, nor are they contacted by the school's administration, as many people thought.

"We decide which schools to add by going down a list of colleges that have been requested and add the ones with the most requests first and then we get the information about the school the

same way any normal person would, through public information and such," Hughes said.

And now it looks like Drew students' requests are finally being answered. On the first day alone, more than 100 students registered on the social network, and many more followed in the next week.

"I like *Thefacebook.com* just because I can find and stay in touch with a lot of people from high school, as well as connect with my friends and their friends here at Drew," sophomore Remy Onstad said, "and it's also a really good way to procrastinate."



THEFACEBOOK.COM

Onstad was one of the students who e-mailed her request to add Drew to the database last week.

"*Thefacebook.com* seems to be quite the electronic epidemic," senior Alex Chickosky said, "and I don't really use it to keep in touch with kids from Drew, but it does provide me with one more link to my friends from home, which I think is really useful."

However, not all Drew students are excited about the new

online directory. Junior Rachel Hurwitz stays far away from it. "*Thefacebook.com* is like this horrible internet yearbook that's constantly updated, and I already have enough things distracting me from doing work as it is. I don't need one more," she said.

Despite many detractors, *Thefacebook.com* has already attracted over 700 students, and as each day goes by, that number grows.

Students rack up \$7,000 in dorm vandalism charges

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Contributing Writer

Vomit: \$75. Broken window: \$500. Fire extinguisher: \$150. Not having to pay any damage fees at the end of the year: Priceless. Over the past six weeks, Drew students have caused nearly \$7,000 worth of vandalism and common area damage. However, not all charges will be paid by students due to an increasing number of individuals who are claiming responsibility for their actions.

According to Director of Residence Life Frank Merckx, the 2004-2005 school year is the first time Drew will track damage costs every six weeks. He believes a time table that outlines the chronology of damages would allow the proper authorities to stop problems, and decrease the frequency of vandalism if the University knows when students are most likely to cause these damages. Data from the end of last year indicate a positive trend. "We do know that last year the charges were \$12,000 less than the year before," Merckx said. "More people have been owning up to the vandalism and saying they did it, or reporting that they saw someone else do it."

Charges include broken windows and screens, replacing fire extinguishers and unnecessary clean-up of things such as vomit. The prices of the items are anything but cheap. According to Merckx, every time a fire extinguisher is purposely set off, the students in the dorm are charged \$150. Cleaning up vomit costs \$75. In the Suites, a broken screen runs at \$75 and a broken window will cost \$500. "All of the prices in-

clude the cost of labor as well the cost of replacement parts," Merckx said. Although the prices may still seem excessive to some, Merckx said the price could be much higher. "When someone sets off a fire extinguisher, they create additional danger if there were a fire."

The Suites currently hold the highest price tag for damages. Michelle Callen, a resident assistant in Foster, agrees that although the clean-up can be costly, it is not excessive. "The high prices promote accountability. If someone does something wrong, they should be held responsible. Lowering the prices is just creating an excuse for the students," Callen said. Still, she believes the best solution is to be proactive. "We work hard to promote a sense of community in the Suites. We want them to take pride in it and show respect. And if they do something, admit it. We are all adults."

Despite the efforts to encourage the residents to take pride in their community, Foster, along with Hurst and McClintock, has the greatest number of charges to date. Foster has damages amounting to \$1,390, compared to Welch's \$140 or Riker's \$210 worth of damages. Callen insists that this is not a reflection of the residents of these dorms. "The majority of vandalism that occurs here is done by people who live in other dorms. The Suites are definitely a gathering place, but people come here and forget that others actually have to live here and deal with the mess they make," Callen said.

Last year, students at McClintock paid the highest amount in compensation for damages. The \$4,502 in total damages

worked out to \$65.03 per student.

Merckx agreed with Callen's assessment. "People will leave a party and get mad, and just smack the emergency lights on the way out." While such actions do not seem that big of a deal to the person doing it, it is the residents who must pay the \$250 it costs to fix them, according to Merckx.

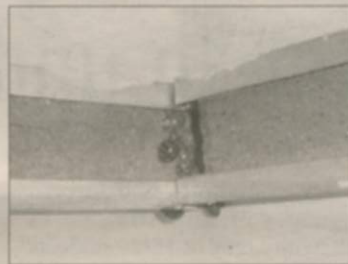
Both Merckx and Callen agree that although it is unfortunate that students must pay for mistakes their peers make, there is no other solution.

"It's unfair, but it's the only way to put a stop to it. It sends the message that you need to take pride in your residence and get others to do the same," Callen said.

However, the students aren't responsible for the entire cost, Merckx said. The University covers the equivalent of \$10 per resident for the year. "The larger the dorm, the less each student is responsible for. So far, none of the dorms have exceeded that price," Merckx said.

Last year, Holloway residents paid the least. With the \$485 in total damages for their dorm, the \$3.70 per student was covered by the \$10 cushion issued from the University. Students in Asbury and Welch also did not have to pay last year.

Although no students have yet been charged for vandalism caused by some of their peers, they should still take these charges seriously. "The amount they pay is greater than our programming budget for the entire academic year. We could use that money for much better things. The amount of money these things cost is, sadly, a waste," Merckx said.



PHOTOS BY HEATHER ALTERS

Ladybugs gather in the corner of sophomores Heather Alters and Saman Asheer's room in Asbury.

Students report critter activity

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Contributing Writer

Living in the Forest, you inevitably encounter various critters. However, these creatures have been running rampant lately, evoking disgust from students at Drew.

Asbury Hall residents recently reported sightings of ladybugs and squirrels in the residence hall. Asbury resident junior Erin Caragher said ladybugs come in through the windows of the hall, and are often crushed when the windows are closed upon them. "They are all over. It is so disgusting," she said.

Junior Paloma Lehfeltdt agreed. "They were on my face before. The only way to get rid of them is to squish them."

For all the trouble ladybugs cause, squirrels strike even more of a nerve. "We can deal with the ladybugs, but we really do not like the squirrels," Lehfeltdt said. Lately these rodents have been entering Asbury through windows and the ceiling.

Freshman Casey Hooker does not believe that the squirrels are problematic in the dorms. She sees squirrels on campus and feels sorry for them. "I think they're cute," Hooker said. However, she dislikes being hit in the head with acorns.

For other students, skunks are more problematic than squirrels. Hooker often sees skunks outside the Welch and Tolley residence halls. "It smelled really bad outside the window," she said. Hooker does not fear being sprayed by skunks because she thinks "They only spray if they view you as a threat."

According to Leland Pollock, chair of the Biology department, many ladybugs live around windows to reproduce. Students then find the insects dying and sticking to the walls of their rooms because they were trapped. Squirrels exist in such high numbers because the forest that surrounds Drew is an ideal habitat for them, with trees for nesting and storing acorns for the winter season. According to Pollock, the wildlife finds a "wonderful refuge" at Drew.

Pollock said the interaction with the critters "enriches campus experience," because it enables students to witness creatures in their natural habitat. He also said many animals, including skunks, have become increasingly used to living around people and do not view them as a threat. Because of this, they are not afraid to come out into the open. According to Pollock, other animals have been spotted, including a fox he sees "fairly frequently" in early morning hours and turkeys standing on roofs of cars in the parking lots.

In the kitchen with Aramark head chef

Meghan Van Dyk
News Editor

The Commons kitchen is bustling and bustling long before Drew students arrive. Aramark chefs slice, sauté and season the ingredients of the day's menu. Other workers clean tables,

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vacuum floors and set up the salad bar. All their work is in preparation for each hungry Drew student who ascends the Commons stairs and walks through the double doors of the cafeteria. It is up to Executive Chef and Food Production Manager Carlos Navarro to make sure the Commons kitchen runs like a well-oiled machine and that each student feels like he is home, according to Navarro.

"If you think it's hard to cook for yourself, imagine cooking for 1,400 students," Navarro, 42, of Plainfield, said. He arrives at Drew at 6:15 every morning and leaves at 4:30 p.m. Throughout his 10-hour day, he plans menus, purchases food and supervises the chefs. "Every time [the chefs] cook something, I have to taste it," he said.



MEGHAN VAN DYK

Navarro's round olive-colored face, jet black mustache and gold tooth are not seen by many students. He works behind the scenes to ensure that Aramark serves the freshest of ingredients to the students, Navarro said.

Sysco, Aramark's food provider, delivers to Drew three days a week. Thus, Navarro must plan menus three days in advance. "Sometimes I wake up in the middle of the night wondering if the truck will arrive on time," Navarro said.

He plans the quantities with the help of a computer program designed by Aramark. "For instance, we make

20 gallons of each soup per day," he said. His goal is to feed all the students without having leftovers. "Normally, we don't have much food left over," he said.

During the year, Navarro visits other colleges and attends food shows to scope out new food trends. "We try to bring students new options during breaks," he said.

Navarro also cooks for special events on campus, including weddings and events at which President Tom Kean and the Board of Trustees are present. "I always say to my bosses [at Aramark] that it's an honor to cook for Kean," Navarro said. I



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Left: Executive Chef Carlos Navarro tastes everything before it is served to students.

Above: Navarro cooks in last year's Chef Challenge.

company laid hundreds of employees off in 1993, his boss offered him a job at Drew. At the time, DAKA Food Services provided food for AT&T and Drew. Navarro served as the second chef manager until Aramark signed a contract with Drew in 1997. Two months later, he became executive chef.

Last year, Navarro's skills reigned supreme over a Rutgers chef in Chef Challenge. The event has not yet been planned, but it will happen later this academic year. "That is something I am looking forward to," Navarro said.

According to Director of Dining Services Tom Lambert, Navarro has a staff of "close to 25 people" who work under him.

"What makes him special is that people respect him for his culinary abilities and for his willingness to train people," Lambert said. "His staff is very loyal to him."

"I work with a lot of different cultures. My employees are like my family. We spend more time here than we do at home," Navarro said.

Navarro has ambitious plans for his future. "I hope to open up my own place one day," he said.

UN Semester to undergo changes for next year

Katy Fitzpatrick
Contributing Writer

Read the newspaper or tune into the nightly news and a week won't go by without some mention of the United Nations. Since the early 1960s, Drew's political science department has offered students the chance to spend one semester of their college experience taking classes at the UN headquarters in New York City. A program nearly as old as the parents of many current students, however, often carries the danger of stagnation.

Professor of Political Science William Messmer, who is the director of the program, describes the UN Semester as the ability to "study global policy programs up close by practitioners."

By holding class near the UN two days a week, students also learn about the resources and opportunities of New York. According to Messmer, the majority of students involved are political

science majors, but students of history, economics and foreign languages often participate as well, with a total of 15-20 students each fall semester.

The University has a safeguard against any off-campus program becoming academically diminished and topically obsolete.

According to Vice President and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts Paolo Cucchi, the Faculty Advisory Committee for International and Off-Campus Programs (FACIOP) reviews each program every three years.

FACIOP, which is composed of faculty members from several academic departments and one Student Government Association-appointed student, examines the enrollments, budgets and other indicators of the overall health of the program, including student satisfaction.

"Student evaluations are an integral part of the review process," Cucchi said. In the case of the UN Semester, the review hap-

pened to coincide with the death of Professor Richard Rhone, who directed the program since 1971.

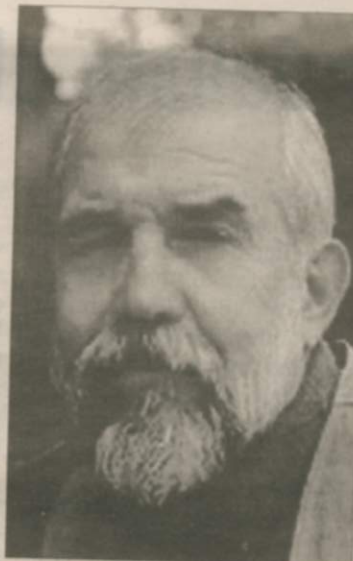
According to Cucchi, Rhone's death and the necessary appointment of a new director offered unique opportunities to evaluate and shape the direction of the UN semester.

Senior Cara Bradshaw was a student in last year's program under Rhone. She said her experience in the semester influenced her interest in eventually working for the UN or another international organization.

The program was a positive experience for Bradshaw, but she and her fellow students wished for more structure and guidance in exploring New York's resources.

Senior Mike Giacomelli, another student in last year's program, agreed. "I love this program," Giacomelli said, "but I felt like improvements needed to be made."

Messmer, who took over the program following Rhone's death,



ACORN FILE PHOTO

Professor William Messmer heads the UN semester program. He took over the program for the late Professor Richard Rhone this year.

instituted several changes in this year's program.

According to Messmer, instead of students going by bus to the UN, Drew now purchases train tickets. In the past, if students wanted to remain in the city past 3:30 p.m. — the time when the bus came back to pick up the students — they had to buy their own tickets home. Going by train allows students greater flexibility to explore New York. According to Nancy Barrett, secretary of the International and Off-Campus Programs Office, paying for train tickets is also cheaper than paying for the bus.

Another change made by Messmer is that students have been given passes to the UN library and the UN itself. Messmer says this increased access "lets students go into the UN and really be a part of it."

Messmer also restructured the class days at the UN site and the

conditions surrounding the traditional research paper.

However, Messmer believes the increased dedication to internships to be the most important change in the UN semester.

While he says that "historically there was not much interning, Rhone asked me to encourage it among the students." Students intern at UN-related organizations such as United Nations Children's Fund and the General Board of Church and Society, a United Methodist Church office that works with the UN, because undergraduates are not permitted to intern for the UN itself.

Messmer stressed the enriched experience the interns receive while working for UN-related international organizations. Even students who choose not to intern reap the benefits because the issues addressed in internships "[find their] way into the class." A structured seminar period helps students share their experiences.

Junior Adam Alonso said that while he is not interning with a UN-related organization, "Messmer has done a good job incorporating what [the interning students are] doing and bringing it all together when he knows someone has some information to contribute."

Professor Debra Liebowitz, who will succeed Messmer as director of the program in 2006, plans to continue with the current curriculum. She said she intends to intensify collaborative research with UN agencies, but sees no major changes under her leadership.

Liebowitz stressed the importance of the UN Semester to all academic disciplines, not just political science.

"Every issue that anyone in any major is concerned about you can find addressed in the UN."

PUBLIC SAFETY BLOTTER

Oct. 29

At 12:45 a.m., Sgt. Jerry Lecomte was called to assist a student in Hoyt with a possible alcohol poisoning. The student was under the legal drinking age. An ambulance was dispatched and the student was transported to Morristown Memorial Hospital. The incident was turned over to Associate Dean of Student Life Gerry Muir.

Oct. 29

Public Safety responded to a call about possible marijuana

use in Haselton at 11:22 p.m. A visitor of a Drew student was found to be in possession of marijuana. Madison Police were contacted, responded and arrested the guest for possession of marijuana.

Saturday

At 12:29 a.m., vandals discharged fire extinguishers on all three floors and the stairwells of Hurst.

The fire alarms sent all students outside for several hours until the areas could be cleaned up.

Sunday

A Tolley resident reported at 8:36 p.m. that his PlayStation 2 was taken from his dorm room.

Tuesday

Lt. Mike Murray responded to Brothers College on a report of three stolen laptops at 12:26 p.m.

The laptops were stolen from a manager of Computing and Network Services. The incident is under investigation by Public Safety and Madison Police Department.

Conversation program unites an unlikely pair with language

Jackie Ryan
Contributing Writer

Students looking to improve their foreign language skills now have the opportunity to not only enhance their command of the language, but to help others refine their English as well.

The Conversation Partners Program at Drew, which is a part of English for Speakers of Other Languages, pairs an undergraduate native English-speaking student with a non-native English-speaking resident.

The program, which is run by Nancy Pramuk-Black, hopes to help the non-native speakers "polish their English conversation skills," according to the program's link on Drew's website.

The pairs meet once a week for about an hour and discuss everything from classes and traveling to family and holidays. It offers the participants the opportunity to build a relationship with someone from a different background and to improve their speech in a foreign language.

Samantha Nuttall, a CLA freshman, and Seong Ae Kim, a student

in Drew's Theological program are one such pair, who meet on Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. Kim was born in Korea and left home after high school to study music in Austria. She then came to America to study Theology in Drew's graduate program. Nuttall is an undergraduate student here at Drew and is from California. The two, although from different backgrounds, have a smooth flow of conversation about everything from their very different homes to college parties.

Nuttall and Kim met at the University Center on Wednesday for their first conversation, but decided to walk away from the busy building to a table by the townhouses, surrounded by trees, fallen leaves, barbecues and crisp fall air. On the walk over, the two discussed their busy week and hectic schedules. Once at the picnic table, they began to become better acquainted with each other and talked about Kim's education.

Kim described how she had played the violin since she was younger and went to school in Austria to study musical composition and competition. The two

spoke about instruments for a while, and Nuttall joked about how "the only instrument [she] ever played was the recorder in grammar school." This was followed by laughter from both.

"As a musician, to me, music is like work," Kim said, changing the subject slightly as she began to speak about why she came to study Theology. "Studying the Bible is like a dream to me. I'm not sure if I want to jump into ministry, but I'm open to everything. I would live anywhere."

Kim's worldliness is evident in the quality of her English. She speaks clearly and well but has joined the program because she wants to continue to improve her speech. Nuttall, on the other hand, was a "little disappointed" because she was hoping to learn more of another language. Both, however, seem to genuinely enjoy the conversations and are learning a lot about each other.

The two also spoke about Halloween and their plans for Thanksgiving. Nuttall expressed her excitement in "going home to San Francisco for the first time since school has begun." Kim, however,



LINDSEY BABISS

Korean Theological school student Seong Ae Kim practices speaking in English with freshman Samantha Nuttall.

will be staying on campus and divulged plans for possible parties. The conversation quickly turned to weekend plans. Kim was curious about what the undergraduates do on campus on the weekends. "We party and sleep," Nuttall replied, and both responded with laughter. "That's a part of life in college, parties," Kim said. "You need to have a life. There are times and seasons in your life and if you don't have fun when you are in college, that stays with you." Nuttall smiled and took in this advice.

The conversation, which flowed increasingly smoothly as the hour passed, covered dorm life, their favorite places to travel, art, schoolwork and procrastination. Nuttall spoke about a paper she had trouble writing and Kim talked about how she's always

"running, running, running."

The two, however, discussed their busy lives with good humor and seemed to value and enjoy the conversation.

Towards the end of their meeting, Kim asked Nuttall if she is volunteering for the program. When Nuttall said that she is, Kim thanked her, and seemed surprised that a student would take time out of her busy day to have a conversation.

"I like it," Nuttall later said about the program. "It's just one hour out of my week. Why not help someone?"

Nuttall and others involved in the program found out about it at the activities fair and were notified of their assigned partners via e-mail. There is a link for Conversation Partners at <http://www.drew.edu/admin/depts/esol/>

Drew hires search firm to find next president

Andrew Cedermark
Assistant News Editor

The Presidential Search Committee initiated their search by naming a search firm last month. However, there is a long road before the committee until they are able to select Drew's next president.

The committee, that consists of 14 trustees, faculty and prominent Drew community members have been meeting "every week or two now, for over a month," Vice President of University Relations Tom Harris said.

The committee was formed by the Board of Trustees, as permitted under University by-laws. There are 14 members and two ex-officio members, for a total of 16. Ten of the 16 are trustees, while there are four faculty members, one staff member and one student member.

The two ex-officio members are Board of Trustees Chair Barbara Caspersen and Affirmative Action

Officer and Staff Psychologist George-Harold Jennings.

Each member of the committee — except for the two ex-officio members — is allotted one vote each, including the student representative to the committee Mike Giacopelli, who was selected as a result of his status as Student Government Association president.

The committee hopes to approach the Board of Trustees with a chosen candidate in early 2005.

Presidential Search Committee Chair John Crawford said, "We have an energetic and engaged committee that has met several times for extensive discussion on what Drew needs in its next president, and what the person's profile should be."

The first step in finding a replacement for Kean was to find a search firm to take on the task. "We have also reviewed proposals from search firms, heard presentations, and made a decision," Crawford said.

For this, the committee chose

Isaacson, Miller, a not-for-profit organization based in Boston. The company's website says, "Today, we undertake nationwide searches for a wide variety of organizations, including leading universities, research institutes, academic medical centers, foundations, cultural institutions, economic development organizations, human service agencies and national advocacy groups." While most of Isaacson, Miller's clients are not-for-profit groups, it also works with select for-profit organizations, especially those with ties to education.

Isaacson, Miller will be sending Peter Stanley to coordinate the operation at the University. Stanley's list of experience in education ranges from Academic Dean of Carleton College from 1979 to 1984, to history professor at Harvard University, to President of Pomona College from 1991 to 2003, to a seat on the board of trustees at The College Board. "I've been involved in

two searches. Initially, I worked with another Isaacson, Miller partner on the search for the next president of Whitman College, one of the leading liberal arts colleges in the western part of the country," Stanley said. "That search is now coming to an end. More recently, I have been helping Hampshire College find its next president."

"I start with some knowledge of Drew, having been on the campus [several times] over the years. I have enjoyed my two recent visits to meet with the search committee and with a group of deans," Stanley said. "With an Isaacson, Miller colleague, I will spend two additional days on the campus during November to talk with people and to deepen my sense of the Forest as a community."

"It is interesting and rewarding work to help identify outstanding people, bring them to the attention of the University, nurture the relationship and help both sides

explore the fit between them," Stanley said.

When Stanley comes back to campus, it will be his job to interview members of all constituencies of the University. "The committee will then work with Peter [Stanley] to develop a position paper on what we are looking for in the search," Crawford said. "After the formal launch of the search, the pool of candidates will be created, leading to a list of semi-finalists who will be interviewed, and then a final three or so will be invited to the campus for visits."

According to Giacopelli, Stanley should be arriving to conduct his interview research both this and next week. "I have been trying to reach out to the students to see what they want in the next president so that I can relay it to the committee," Giacopelli said. "I just want to get as much input from the students and relay as much information to them as I am able to."



Beyond the Bubble

Polarized world

Although Tuesday's elections focused on America's polarized population, according to *BBC News Online*, countries around the world were just as divided over Bush's re-election. China, despite its Socialist government, preferred to see Bush back in office because of his relaxed human rights and trade policies.

In Germany, 75 percent of the population hoped to see Bush removed, but officials are attempting to make amends with the United States. French President Jacques Chirac has also made a concerted effort to con-

gratulate Bush, but many French politicians are doing the opposite. One Socialist described Bush as "one of the worst presidents America has ever had."

Iraq is as polarized as the United States, according to *BBC News Online*. Most Iraqis fall into two camps: Those who point to Bush's record in Iraq and thank him for getting rid of Saddam Hussein, and those who see Iraq's current situation as reason enough to support Kerry, the website says.

In any case, the people in Iraq, soldiers as well as citizens, would most like to see the return of stability to their country.

The new Bush administration

After winning re-election this week, President George W. Bush held a news conference in Washington to reiterate his campaign promises and answer questions about his next term. Most questions, however, were aimed at Bush's new cabinet. The president would not disclose names or specific position changes, but he did acknowledge that changes would inevitably be made.

According to *NyTimes.com*, many speculate that Attorney General John Ashcroft and Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge are likely to

resign for "personal reasons." As far as new appointments to the Supreme Court, Bush said that he would not consider possible candidates until a vacancy opened on the bench. Chief Justice William Rehnquist's recent battle with cancer has led to the possibility of an open position. Democrats worry that, as in the past, the president will nominate rigidly conservative judges to the highest court in the nation.

Still Counting

The *Star-Ledger* reports that election officials in Long Hill and Chatham are still counting provisional ballots, leaving the out-

come of a number of local races unknown. Final results are expected this weekend, announcing winners of local town councils and committees. Chatham was also showing a narrow win by Democrats, with margins of just 50-70 votes. Sixty-five absentee ballots that have yet to be counted could make a significant difference in the race's outcome.

Both Democratic leads come as a surprise to many in a region of New Jersey that is heavily Republican. Republicans, however, are putting partisanship behind and welcoming the new town leaders.

From Local to International



OPINIONS

Choice of Kean shows Trustees' thoughtlessness

It's no secret that Drew students love Tom Kean. We could not be more proud of a president who has served the state, the school and the nation in such important ways, yet can still be seen walking his dog across campus on a Sunday morning. *The Acorn* can hardly go a week without having his name plastered across the front page, citing his latest achievement or endeavor.

It is for these reasons that *The Acorn* wants to be happy about his appointment as Commencement speaker. So what is this nagging disappointment we're feeling upon hearing the news?

After two consecutive bad choices for the Commencement speaker, students hoped that this would be the year we'd see someone well-known, well-liked and well-spoken up on our stage again.

Thing is, we will. We just won't see anyone we haven't seen already.

It's not that students don't want to honor him — we do. It's just that the idea of having Kean as our featured speaker — when, as president, he would be addressing the graduates anyway — is awesomely anti-climactic. It's difficult to get excited about a featured speaker who has spoken to the senior class numerous times already, and who speaks to every graduating class to begin with.

Kean recently spoke at the first event in the Forum series, typically used to bring in a famous person from outside the Drew bubble. Due to an unnecessarily hasty decision by the Board of Trustees, we will have our University president speak at an event typically reserved for a famous

outside speaker — again. Once is an honor — one that Kean certainly deserved. Twice is laziness — and thoughtlessness — on the part of the Trustees. It surprises *The Acorn* that Kean would accept the Trustees' offer, as he expressed his hope of finding a speaker along the lines of John McCain during a recent lunch with our staff.

Kean is a magnificent speaker. We have no doubts about what the quality of his speech will be. The problem is that we can list countless examples of that fact. If the Trustees really wanted to honor Kean, why not have him be a co-speaker at graduation with an off-campus dignitary? That would have added to the atmosphere of Commencement. There would

have been two fabulous speakers — one that would attend Commencement regardless, and one from another walk of life, on hand to wish the senior class all the best in their future journeys.

The Acorn wishes that the Trustees had waited until the spring (the traditional time at which the Commencement speaker is chosen) to make their selection, and listened to the voices of students. Hopefully, since the decision was made so quickly, it is not too late to add someone well-known to Commencement. That way, we can properly honor Kean *and* have a graduation with added fanfare, one that the graduating class will talk about for a lifetime.



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Thefacebook.com: Are you logged in?

The website takes away students' time that can be spent enjoying real college life

What's dumber than sitting around and talking on AOL Instant Messenger all day? Answer: Sitting around and trying to find friends on Thefacebook. There but for the grace of God, Thefacebook.com has taken college campuses by storm. And it's probably one of the worst things that could happen to this particular campus.

I'd like to remind all the idiots who are registered at Thefacebook (why can't it just be the Facebook? What's with this no spaces between the words business?) this is a tiny campus. Like, 1,500 undergraduates tiny. Why are you trying to find people you already know? Why don't you just call that person up and set aside some time to hang out? I don't understand why we all seem to have a phobia of one another. Instead of sitting at your damn computer waiting for bad eyesight and carpal tunnel syndrome to hit you, why don't you go make some real life friends? Start with your neighbors.

There is something wrong with this campus when three-on-three basketball tournaments are canceled due to lack of interest and Thefacebook got dozens of users as soon as it became available to Drew. It's simply ridiculous that Emerson Drive comes to our school and fewer people went to the concert than those who are registered at Thefacebook — an estimated 450 users according to *The Acorn*. I love how people choose to sit in their rooms waiting for some stalker to "poke" them

as opposed to going to the first major concert on campus in two years or taking advantage of our proximity to New York City.

Tell me if this excerpt from an article by Kristi Hsu at *The Daily Texan* sounds familiar: "On a Monday at 2

The website is a great place to rekindle old friendships and make new ones

Imagine opening up your e-mail to find more than one message with the subject "person X wants to be your friend." Not only is it possible, but it's happening right here on our campus every day to students with the use of an awesome online social networking website called

click on the class in your class list. Like magic, a roster of who is in that class comes up on your screen.

Now, at this point you may wonder, "Why can't I just use *attic.drew.edu* to do this?" Thefacebook doesn't just have the person's extension on it. It has their full name, extension, cell number, screen-name, where they live and their photo.

Upon seeing the photos, you see that hot girl or guy in your class. You now have everything he or she has chosen to divulge online, including if he or she is in a relationship and with whom. With an excuse of a forgotten book, who knows what could happen?

But Thefacebook isn't just getting new people together. When you sign up, you can register which high school you went to.

After registering, you can search for everyone in a certain graduation year and find your friends at other colleges and universities. Many people have reconnected with friends that they haven't spoken to since graduation. Many college students are staying in touch with alumni who have already graduated.

Some argue that the website posts too much personal information online. Actually, you can put as much information about yourself online as you want. Then, you only give access to the groups you wish.

One should draw a line between browsing the website every so often and being an addicted member. But for those normal people out there, if you join the site, you will enjoy reconnecting with old friends and meeting some new ones.



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a.m., Simeon Kwan sits in front of his computer, his face lit by the monitor's pale blue luminescence. Concentrating intently on the screen before him, he types furiously. "I don't know about you, but I don't want to be that guy/gal waiting to see how many 'friends' I have online as I sit in my dark dorm room at 2 a.m. If I'm going to be up that late on a weekday, I better either be doing my homework or working at the *Acorn* office.

Yes, I'm judging those who are registered at that dumb site. It's a sad world when the only excitement in a person's life is Thefacebook. I bite my thumb at you.

Thefacebook.com. This website is possibly the best invention since AOL Instant Messenger for keeping friends together. The people who say they don't like the website probably know they would not get any friends anyway.

Yet, it's not just for boosting your own ego. This website is one of the coolest resources that I have ever seen for connecting people from the campus across the country.

Suppose you are sitting in your room, about to start studying for the huge test that you have tomorrow, when you realize that you left the book at home this weekend. With Thefacebook the solution is only a click away. Just log on and

Four years later and the election process is still a mess

Evan Hess

Opinions Editor

Regardless of your political affiliation and who you cast your vote for this year, this election should serve as a learning experience. It's difficult to feel good about the election of any candidate to the office of the president when we can't feel good about the election process.

On Tuesday, 70 percent of Ohioans cast their votes on punch-card voting machines. These are the same machines that are equipped with all of the problems that we heard of in Florida during the 2000 election. These machines account for at least 2 percent of voter disenfranchisement, according to *The New York Times*.

Even in California, there were complaints regarding the new InkaVote system — a system that uses a scantron-esque card to eliminate the problems of hanging, dimpled and pregnant chads. "It is extremely difficult to check whether there really is a mark from the ink. It is impossible to determine even if a voter tried to mark the ballot, to say nothing of what that attempt indicated," claims Bruce Wright of Pasadena in a *Los Angeles Times* letter to the editor.

As I scanned the news channels, every anchorman and reporter commended the large voter turnout. What many of these journalists didn't point out was the failure of our government to provide enough polling places to accommodate these voters. Many voters were left to stand in ex-

tremely long lines in order to place their votes.

Throughout the night, there were numerous reports of voters leaving before casting their vote — simply because they didn't have time to wait, according to *The New York Times*.

One of the most overwhelming problems of this year's election was the number of poll officials who admitted to being under-trained and uninformed.

According to a *Los Angeles Times* letter to the editor, after registering in early August, University of Southern California student Alexander Georgakis explained his frustration with having to fill out a provisional ballot, "instructing uninformed poll workers about how to record my provisional ballot. My first time through the voting process has felt more like a hassle than a freedom."

Uninformed poll workers were not able to help with the filing of provisional ballots, nor were they able to direct voters to their correct precincts. Therefore, countless votes went uncounted, especially when many states, in light of the 2000 election, have laws that require provisional ballots to be thrown out if they are cast in the wrong precinct.

These uncounted votes may not have swayed the election either way. For the first time in modern history, there was an equal turnout of Democrats and Republicans, according to *The New York Times*. It seems that our country was evenly divided in regards to whom they felt would be the better president.

In the long run, this doesn't matter. If citizens take the time to vote, they should take the time to vote correctly, and subsequently, their vote should be counted. It shouldn't matter if the vote was received from another state or another district in the same state.

In an election where we've heard both sides claim, as John Kerry said in his concession speech, "that every vote [should] count and every vote [must] be counted," there seems to be a glaring misconception of what it means to count every vote.

Even on this campus, I heard numerous accounts of students who never received their absentee ballots or who weren't able to register in time. "I know of at least three people in my group of friends alone who haven't registered yet," sophomore Andrew Wortman said.

So what does this mean for the average citizen?

It's a call from our government to educate ourselves, to register early and to be familiar with the voting process. Certainly in the next four years there will be amendments to the voting process. There may be new technology, new clauses, new polling places or even new ways to cast your vote.



Essentially, it is our own duty to know how to vote and how to have our votes counted. Voting is important enough for citizens to work hard to make sure it is properly exercised.

For all of those who were disappointed by the outcome of this election, it is necessary for you to make sure your voice is heard. Moreover, it is your duty as a citizen to help those who can't help themselves, so that their voice is also heard.

For all of those who were pleased by the outcome of this election, in four years it could be your voice that is drowned out in the mess that is our election process.

If we place our right to vote in the hands of others, we sacrifice our right to react to the outcome of the election.

Tuesday, voters in Columbus, Ohio, waited outside the Whetstone Recreation Center waiting for polls to open. An estimated 400 people were waiting by the time the polls opened.

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Party members crash independent ideas

Ah, the few days following a presidential election. There is no better time to write a political commentary. Nobody can accuse you of writing



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to further an agenda, or to back a candidate, or to criticize somebody else's choice for president, or to criticize another person's criticism of somebody else's choice for president. That's why I waited to write this — because I'm not here to do any of that. I'm here to give a "State of the University" address on the level of true political discussion at Drew.

I'm here to say, quite simply, that the level of true political discussion at Drew sucks. (For the definition of "true political discussion," I'm not including personal attacks against public officials or candidates for office. Sorry to eliminate the majority of a lot of people's material.)

This isn't to say that certain people at Drew aren't trying. Right off the bat, I'll acknowledge the new Political Science Club, which did a fine job of presenting a non-partisan avenue for people to receive information on the candidates.

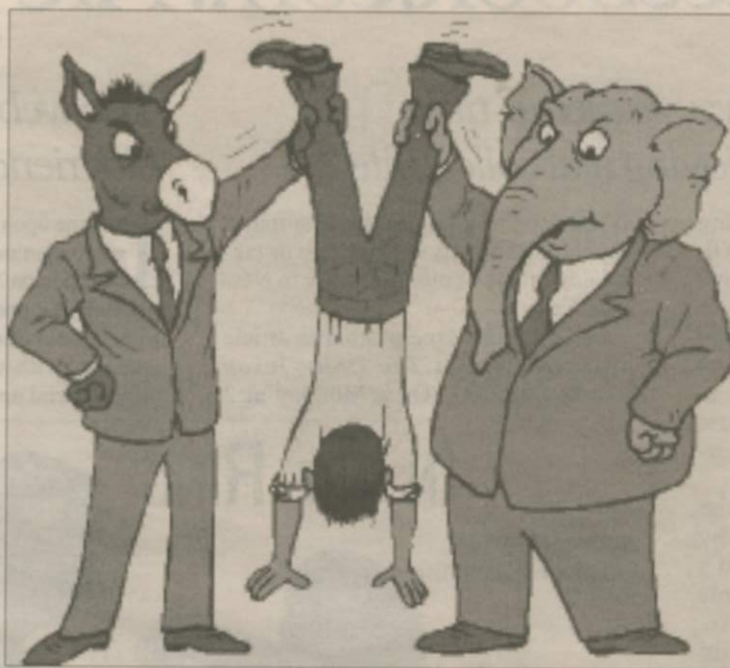
Now if only more individuals at Drew would follow the group's example.

I've talked to several independents and moderates at Drew, and a common theme is echoed. When you try to have a calm, civil, political debate with a majority of the partisan individuals on campus, you are ostracized. When you have an opinion that differs, you are vilified. When you agree with the Republicans on a certain issue, you are labeled a "Republican." When you agree with the Democrats on a certain issue, you are labeled a "Democrat."

Sorry to screw up the party system, but what happened to free thinking — on every issue?

What the party system has created among many students at Drew is *imagined* divisiveness. People think that if they are a liberal, they must disagree with the Republicans on everything, and vice versa. Life becomes an episode of the hideous *Crossfire* — where campus partisans will go to any length to disagree with the other party's representative, no matter how logical and well-meant that person's argument may be.

When you step back and look at how similar the two parties have become, the situation becomes even more absurd. Imagine if the David Spade Fan Club (if such a thing existed) divided into the *Tommy Boy* and *Black Sheep* parties and those parties bickered endlessly over which movie was better? They're essentially the same movie, with different characters and dialogue. The Republican and Demo-



cratic parties are essentially the same organization, with different characters and dialogue as well, but most often, they both have the same results in the end.

Where does the anger come from? The hostility? Where do people get the "I have my opinion and I'm not even going to bother to listen to yours because my party disagrees with it" attitude? Why did personal attacks against President Bush arise so often during discussions I had with people during the campaign? Why was Kerry's service record in a war that happened 30 years ago even considered when so many relevant issues went untouched?

I don't know the answers to

those questions, and frankly, I'm tired of trying to find them. I'm tired of trying to figure out why having a conflicted opinion on the legal issue of gay marriage is not a good enough reason to refuse to sign a petition in favor of it (as a partisan at a table in the University Center was once so kind to inform me). I'm tired of trying to figure out why people get offended when you disagree with them on "hot button" political issues. I'm tired of feeling like I'm being labeled. In the past month, I've been labeled both a "Democrat" and a "Republican" by two different people. I appreciate them trying to decide that for me, but I'm not getting

sold. I don't have a label, and I don't need one.

I guess my problem is that the hardcore partisans at Drew, and in America, just beat you into submission, until you finally throw up your hands and say, "You know what, you win. I'll never offend you by speaking up in opposition of your party again. If it's alright with you, I'd like to still live in this country and exercise my right to vote — not based on a party, but based on who I feel will be the best person for the job."

So, if you don't mind, that's what I'll do now. Sit back, support Bush because he is my president, disagree with him on the issues that I disagree with him on and wait for the whole process to start again in three years or so.

In the meantime, my challenge to the partisans on campus is to sit down with a member of the opposing party and have a thoughtful discussion about politics. Don't be blinded by your party affiliation. I'll afford you the right to say whatever you truly believe. And don't get offended if the other person has a different opinion than you do — that's actually a *good* thing. It means that democracy is working.

A free flow of ideas, both supporting and opposing. That's what I am shooting for. And it's what you are all shooting for as well.

Isn't it?

Coin and can drives waste volunteer time

Brian Libert
Contributing Writer

Anyone who has lived on Drew's campus for a semester or more has at least once been pestered by an organization that has students going door to door. They come to collect various goods — for the most part, loose change or any sealed food items. For a long period of time I have wondered: Just how much does this sort of thing help its beneficiaries?

Take for example the Student Government Association's "Loose Change for Change." The SGA reported to the campus by e-mail that they collected about \$300. That money was donated to the Honduras Project. Before I delve further into the practicality of this sort of campaign, I want to stress that I value the work of the Honduras Project and I do think they should be commended for their charity.

On The Honduras Project website they explain that they raise between \$20,000 and \$35,000 per trip. Assuming that we take the mean of their figures, which is \$27,300, the SGA's \$300 is approximately 1% of The Honduras

Student Government Association President senior Mike Giacobelli holds a box used in "Loose Change for Change," which, according to Libert, is a waste of time because it has only raised 1% of the funds for The Honduras Project.



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Project's total. Now, the argument could be made that every little bit counts, and it is a valid argument. However, we have not considered the time and man — or woman — power required to collect that money. If the people who collected the loose change did something to benefit the campus or the community, like volunteering at the YMCA or picking up trash outside the University Center then that 1% could become 100% of something else!

The situation of the recent food drive for the Morristown Battered Women's Shelter is similar. However, instead of collecting 10 small boxes of Fruit Loops and a few cans of tuna, people could donate their time. Those people who

spend their time walking around our dorms could instead help distribute the food. In doing that, they relieve the shelter's normal workers, volunteer or paid, to take care of other errands for the facility. Although many women at the shelter may not be ready for company, seeing young smiling faces would be a nice experience for some.

Am I trying to say that these types of projects are useless? No. However, I am suggesting that if we truly want to help the community, maybe we need to take a step off of the Drew campus. It's great to let people at Drew know your organization is charitable — it would be better if the people you were trying to help knew as well.

Arafat's malady will also afflict us

Johnny Tyrrell
Contributing Writer

The average twenty-something American probably does not know the intricacies that define the Israel, Palestine and United States diplomatic relationship. It would take a lifetime of scholarship to accomplish this. However, I bet we can all agree that nothing has gone well for some time in the Holy Land. We hear little random snippets of carnage that took place somewhere we vaguely remember being mentioned in Sunday school. It's in the evening news just about every day: Palestinian suicide bombers targeting cafés and Israeli retaliation doing nothing but fanning the flames of desperation.

Uncertainty has been perpetuated yet again by the departure of Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat to Paris last Friday for inadequately explained medical reasons. His physicians told the press there was something about a platelet deficiency. Outside sources confirmed that the aging leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization collapsed earlier in the week and exhibited some signs of dementia; other doctors say his symptoms may point towards leukemia.

The possibility that Arafat will not come back, or that he will not be able to resume his leadership duties when he does return, is now a stark reality that both peoples are now being presented with. This could go one of two ways: Either someone from Hamas or the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine will wrest con-

trol in the wake and attack Israel, drawing the United States into another war in the Middle East, or someone with the proper legitimacy to lead Palestine and resume talks with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon will rise to the occasion. Aaron David Miller, a former Middle East negotiator who met with Sharon 10 days ago, says that the issue "is less the succession — a process already formalized — and more the question of decision making. Who among the successors will have the legitimacy to make important decisions in the months ahead?"

Sharon has long been remiss to negotiate with Arafat because of charges that Arafat has remaining connections to Palestinian and Arab terrorist organizations. "From our point of view it would be better if he doesn't return," one Israeli official said. "Arafat is an obstacle to peace and has no credibility. We want to work with a Palestinian leadership that wears a business suit, not a military uniform. The chance for a business-like leadership is a real opportunity, and we hope for a leadership not connected to terrorism, that would have credibility with Israel and the United States."

So, maybe this is not all bad. This could be the opportunity to finally make a lasting peace between the Palestinians and the Israelis. The trick here is to maintain stability in the interim period. Anything can happen between Arafat and the next Palestinian leader. For now the international community can only cross our fingers and hope cooler heads prevail.

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Book drive links alma mater to Drew

Simon Hanna
Contributing Writer

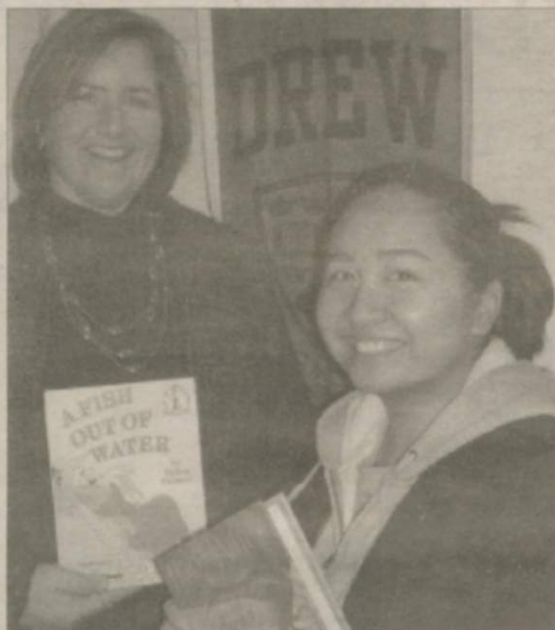
Drew students have coordinated coat drives and can drives. This year, senior Jamie Cahiwat hopes to add a book drive to the list.

For the first time, Drew partnered up with Rutgers Preparatory School to collect books for deserving children. Cahiwat participated in Rutgers Prep's annual book drive while she was a student there, and she decided to bring the program to Drew.

"It was something that just stuck with me," Cahiwat said. According to Associate Dean of Student Life Gerry Muir, this is the first time Drew coordinated a book drive of this kind.

Muir helped facilitate the process on campus, but Cahiwat has done the majority of the work. "She was the heart of this," Muir said. Books collected from Drew will be combined with the books collected by Rutgers Prep, and all will be donated to a school in Appalachia.

Cahiwat organized the book drive through the Spirituality House, where she lives. Hillel, the Muslim Student Association and



Gerry Muir and Jamie Cahiwat hold books collected by the drive. The books will be donated to kids in need.

the Volunteer Resource Center stepped in to cosponsor the drive.

Cahiwat thought it would be wise to work with the VRC because of the nature of the activity. Also, because of the VRC's convenient location, she thought

it would be a good location for one of the collection boxes. "There is a lot of foot traffic outside their office so I thought we'd have a good partnership," Cahiwat said.

The book drive has been advertised through a campuswide e-mail, flyers around campus and word of mouth. Cahiwat also said Dean of Academic and Student Affairs Ede Lawler helped

by informing the faculty at the October meeting.

According to Cahiwat, one of her challenges was informing students and getting them to help out. Another challenge was the lack of ability to recognize book donors. "I don't know how to say thank you [to the book donors]," she said. So far, more than four dozen books have been collected. Cahiwat says it is rewarding to see all the books.

Cahiwat is glad "that they are not lying in someone's basement," she said. Books will be collected through Monday.



SWETHA IVENGAR

University thanks Aramark employee

At 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Chief of Public Safety Tom Evans gave a short speech in the Snack Bar to recognize Aramark employee Graciela Zalvidar. Evans thanked Zalvidar for alerting Public Safety last week when she spotted the fire that started between the ATM and the Volunteer Resource Center.

"As Chief of Public Safety and on behalf of the higher Drew community, thank you for your quick action when you spotted the fire," Evans said. In the presence of her fellow employees, Snack Bar manager Arturo Ramos and Director of Dining Services Tom Lambert, Evans presented Zalvidar with a certificate.

Student receives unexpected help

FROM PAGE 1

"There were about 20 or 30 other people in my group who had the same problem," Garcia said. "The DMV lost many of their voter registrations."

Garcia was given legal council and explained his case to the judge. The judge accepted his proposal and issued him a Federal Provisional Ballot.

"The entire process took four hours," Garcia said. He added that he did not miss any classes, though he was 10 minutes late to a Spanish class. "The professor was glad I could vote," he said.

On the drive home, Garcia asked Windfelder to be his advisor.

Both Garcia and Windfelder were

impressed with the legal system. "It was interesting to see that a lot of people made a good faith effort to vote. The staff was very helpful," Windfelder said. "But I expected it to take only an hour."

"It is important for all young people to vote, especially in an election that was this close," Windfelder said. "I didn't want these circumstances to take away from [Garcia's] experience."

"I was going to give up and not vote. I really thank her for what she did. There are no words to express that," Garcia said.

Garcia advises students to never give up their right to vote because of lost paperwork. "Make sure, no matter what, that you are registered. Don't ever give up," he said.



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This week's question:
"Does pornography
objectify people?"



"[People are objectified] in lower-budget films, yes, but in big productions, no."

— Chris Chesebro, junior



"I think that when an adult makes a conscious choice to go into the industry, it's their decision."

— Sarah Cowell, freshman



"No, they choose to do it and aren't dragged there and forced to [participate]."

— David Cory, junior



"Yes, it objectifies women in a negative way."

— Cristal Reyes, freshman



"No, because it's a profession people choose to go into and they know exactly how they'll be represented."

— Samantha Wheeler, senior

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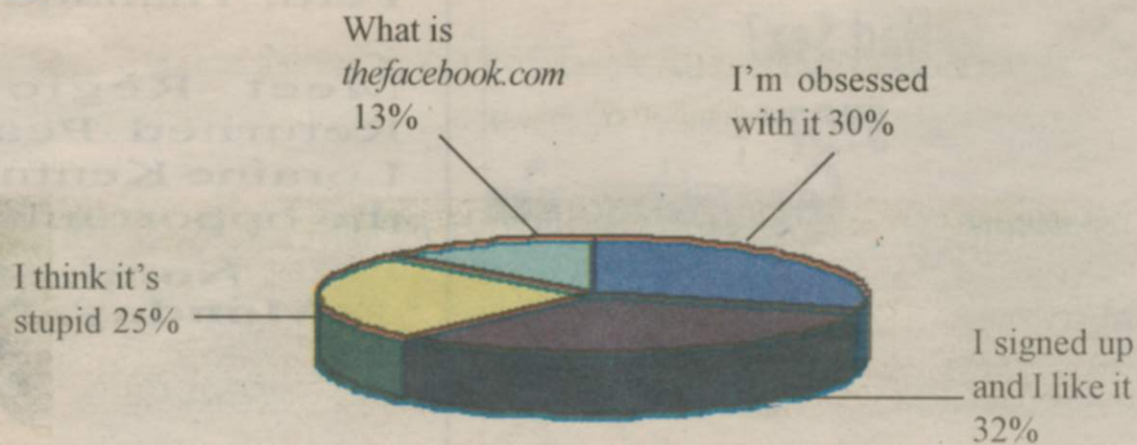
✓ THE ACORN POLL

How interested are you in *thefacebook.com*?

This past week *thefacebook.com* began its Drew chapter. Students flooded the website to sign up. Those who took the Acorn Poll were almost evenly split about the validity of the website.

Thirty percent felt that they were "obsessed" with the site, which links students together on their campus and around the country. Once registered, you can create a profile, including course information. One student wrote, "Instead of asking me how homework is coming, they ask how many people added me today."

Twenty-five percent of students, on the other hand, feel that it's stupid. "I realized that there was nothing to do on it but stalk people," another student said. "Although my obsession is fading ..." a student wrote. It will be interesting to see how long this phase lasts.



200 students polled



ENTERTAINMENT

Commons packed for porn debate

Does porn exploit women? Susan Cole and Ron Jeremy duke it out

Andrew Prolow
Contributing Writer

This academic year Drew University students will get to see such famed speakers as Andrea Mitchell and Tom Brokaw. Outgoing President Tom Kean is speaking to the graduating class for one final time. And yet none of those speakers has the drawing power of adult film and reality television superstar Ron Jeremy.

Jeremy and Susan G. Cole, entertainment editor for *NOW* magazine, participated in the Great Porn Debate in The Commons

Wednesday night to see the debate.

The University Program Board sponsored the event which brought Jeremy, a veteran of close to 2,000 adult films, to campus. Drew students came ready to see and meet someone whom they had perhaps spent a lot of time watching.

They lined up in queues that snaked throughout the bottom of the Commons in anticipation. The crowd filed in beginning at 8 p.m., and once the crowd of an estimated 200 students had taken their seats, an air of anticipation took hold of The Commons.

Junior Matt Alario introduced Cole and Jeremy. The subject of the debate was whether pornography victimizes women. The format consisted of each debater receiving 8-12 minutes to state their points as an introduction, and then the floor was opened for student questions.

Cole discussed three strategies that people use in an attempt to suppress anti-porn activists such as her: Convincing people that she is anti-sex, a Bible-thumping Christian and that "they get smart, intelligent people like Ron to debate her."

Cole responded to the anti-sex comment by stating that, "[she is] not anti-sex and that [she is] in favor of a more open public discourse. [She is] also particularly in favor of masturbation because women need to know their bodies in order to have really great sex." Cole described the porn industry and the female participants in it as coming from "situations of desperation."

"You don't get pornography without prostitution, so I am going to say it right to your face. If you are using prostitution you are a John (solicitor of prostitution)," she told the crowd.

Jeremy began his rebuttal by stating that "pornography doesn't replace sex. It is a masturbatory aid." Jeremy discussed the distinction between prostitution and pornography in response to Cole's prostitution comment.

"The Supreme Court of California found a difference between prostitution and pornography ... In a case of prostitution you're a John. In pornography you have two or more entertainers," Jeremy said.

Jeremy was obviously referring to himself when he jokingly mentioned that "porn tries to be happy, healthy penis watching."

After opening statements were made, Jeremy and Cole opened the floor to questions and for the most part, they both reiterated their points. Drew students displayed a great knowledge of the porn industry.

Questions ranged from cen-



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Adult film legend Ron Jeremy defended the porn industry Wednesday night in front of a crowd of 200 students in the Commons. He and Cole travel the country debating the issue.

sorship: "Do you believe that violence in songs and movies condone violence in reality?" to questions about the evolution of pornography and how the role of women has changed in it since the early 70s.

After the debate, Jeremy and Cole stayed to answer questions and sign autographs. The line to meet Jeremy stretched almost around the entire Commons to allow students to get pictures and various body parts signed.

Student reaction to the debate was mixed.

"I thought that both sides presented their arguments well, but I agree more with Jeremy because he is pro porn," junior Anthony Sollitto said.

Sophomore Ramona Whittington felt that the debate was "a choreographed routine in which the system of argumentation hindered the ability to gain any educational value."

— Managing Editor Colin Daniels and Entertainment Editor Brandon Picchierri contributed to this report.



Susan G. Cole of *NOW* Magazine was Jeremy's adversary in Wednesday's pornography debate.

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Audiences should run to see Saw

If you're looking for a movie that will make you feel all warm and fuzzy inside this fall, then stay as far away from *Saw* as possible.

Every Halloween, a plethora of films are released that compete for the title of the most frightening movie. This year, *Saw* is the champion. Just as Freddy haunts your nightmares, Jason stalks you in the woods or Chucky lurks under your bed, *Saw* will now scar you for the rest of your life with its vivid death scenes and frightening clown mannequins.

Based on the story by Leigh Whannell (who plays one of the tortured men, Adam, in the movie), director James Wan is able to pick apart every human's fear. *Saw* is able to capture the intensity that the movie *Seven* was able to produce several years ago — and then increase its effectiveness by taking out anything that would slow down the adrenaline. *Saw* will find your deepest fears and exploit them. Even if the first few scenes don't turn your stomach, the odds are that one of the later ones will.

The movie begins in the basement bathroom of a worn-down industrial warehouse. Chained to a pipe at opposite corners of the room are Adam and Dr. Gordon (Cary Elwes, of *Princess Bride* fame).

The two of them, who have no idea how they got there, have to work together in order to escape, while working against one another to survive. The situation is made particularly unnerving when they discover a body on the floor

Movie Review

**Kory
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Saw

Horror/Thriller, Rated R

Directed by:

James Wan

Starring:

Mike Butters
Cary Elwes
Danny Glover
Monica Potter
Shawnee Smith
Leigh Whannell

Released:

Oct. 29

Rating: 
(out of )

with its head blown to bits. Dr. Gordon then comes up with a theory that they are the victims of the serial killer known as "The Jigsaw Murderer." The police, led by detective David Tapp (Danny Glover), have been trying to catch the killer for several months, following the grisly trail of bodies around town. The killer gets his puzzling name when Tapp and company piece together the ways in which he gets his victims to kill themselves, technically not murdering any of them — just setting them up to kill themselves.

The victims of this killer, who are chosen at random for various



Above: Shawnee Smith's character is trapped in this torture device. The killer gives her the option to live or die, and she ends up killing another man to survive.



Left: The killer in *Saw* uses this clown mannequin to talk to his prisoners. The killer hides out in a mannequin factory for most of the movie.

social reasons, such as drug addiction and spousal abuse, are given a simple "game" to play. A game for their lives.

The prize? Their freedom. Tapp has only found one survivor, a former drug-addict (Shawnee Smith), who escaped a bear-trap on her head by cutting open a

stranger's stomach to find a key. If the prisoners lose, however — and most of them do — the penalty is a death too gruesome to imagine.

The film's success is in the panic it causes among the audience. During the flashbacks to the past victims, time is sped up and slowed down to completely disorient anyone attempting to solve the crimes along with Detective Tapp.

The rest of the film's success is in the complexity of the killings. The film itself is set up as a sort of puzzle, with each scene explaining more of what is happening in the movie.

The camera work is excellently done, as every shot helps add to the rush the audience experiences. Wan is able to pull from his actors a sense of panic that is almost unthinkable to attain. Elwes' character, Dr. Gordon, is being forced to kill his cellmate to keep his kidnapped wife and daughter alive. His acting is superb, considering the genre.

At times the film gets a bit too confusing, and a bit too ridiculous to follow, but it always rights the ship before it goes too far as to throw the audience off.



Cary Elwes reaches desperately for the cell phone that could connect him to his kidnapped daughter.



Mixed Nuts



• Germany's favorite male celebrity, David Hasselhoff, is back in the news this week for putting on his *Baywatch* swimsuit in public. That, and he drove drunk all around Los Angeles.

The singer/actor/stud-muffin avoided jail time for his DUI by accepting community service, as well as vowing to never again appear in a variation of *Baywatch*, regardless of who the hot blonde on his hip is.

The scariest thing about all this is that Hasselhoff was swerving all over the roads, even driving on a sidewalk, according to L.A. police. The question you should be asking is how come KITT didn't take over for Michael, like in an old episode of *Knight Rider*.

• What do Eminem and Ashlee Simpson have in common? Dyed blonde hair and no talent are the most obvious answers, and now we can add lip-synching, as well.

Much to the dismay of *Saturday Night Live* producer Lorne Michaels, Eminem used the same sort of vocal tracks that Simpson used last week, this time simply missing a lyric on the famed sketch variety show, and then pausing while the vocals continued on.

The slogan says "M&Ms melt in your mouth, not in your hand." Eminem, apparently, melts under the spotlights and from the pressure.



• Nick Lachey is a lucky man. He's managed to turn himself from a boy-band loser into a family man.

Mr. Simpson, as he's being called in the record business lately, made a big mistake this week, when he left a bachelor party he was attending to go to a "private dildo show" with pornstar Jessica Jaymes and another young lady in a back room.

While Lachey technically didn't cheat, watching a dildo show featuring a pornstar clearly isn't being faithful to the missus, right?

Wife Jessica Simpson declined to comment on the story. It seems she was busy pondering whether sleeping pills are ever awake.



On and off campus, a cappella a success

Caitlin Gallagher

Assistant Entertainment Editor

One of the most popular forms of entertainment on campus is a *cappella*. Yet, many of you may not realize how much these student-run groups do on, and off, Drew's campus. Many have seen or at least heard the three *a cappella* groups, 36 Madison Avenue (Mad Ave), On a Different Note and All of the Above at events like Jamnation, which was hosted by OADN, and the Back to Classes Jam.

Typically, wherever the *a cappella* groups are, a large fan base of their fellow peers follows. "We sell CDs and do concerts here and at other schools to promote the good name of Drew and to offer another form of entertainment," Mad Ave member senior Adam Rinaldi said.

Since the *a cappella* groups draw such large crowds, groups around campus often call them to perform, which they do for free. During Parents Weekend in October, Habitat for Humanity invited OADN and Mad Ave to perform to prompt donations. There have also been *a cappella* performances at the Women's Cabaret for Sexual Assault Awareness Week and for the Honduras Project. OADN also sang at a Sept. 11 Vigil, a Cancer Vigil, a tree lighting on campus and at the annual Orientation Committee's auction.

All the groups need money for things like touring and making CDs. In order to raise this money, the different groups have used their talents outside of the Drew community to raise the funds

they need. OADN, the all-female group, hands out business cards when they perform and have gotten some pretty interesting gigs. They have performed at the Stop & Shop in Madison, and tomorrow they will sing at a tailgate party to kick off the Notre Dame football season. In preparation, they learned the Notre Dame fight song.

OADN has also made money by performing at Bottle Hill Day in Madison, and according to Business Director senior Bertie Michaels, the group will perform pre-holiday concerts at Short Hills and Rockaway malls this year. In addition, the group also does singing telegrams around campus.

"Even though a lot of the functions we do are fundraisers, we

are an *a cappella* group because of the community it fosters and because we genuinely love singing together," Michaels said. She also said OADN will be doing off-campus trips to other schools later in the year and they will be doing a workshop at a member's high school, followed by a half-hour concert. They released a CD earlier this semester, but Michaels said the group plans to release another CD by next year.

Mad Ave, the all-male *a cappella* group, is also active off campus. It sings at community events and it recently sang at the Minstrel Coffee House in Morristown. Last week, the group performed for the 50th anniversary of the Independent College Fund of New Jersey at the Westminster Hotel in Livingston.



COURTESY OF 36 MADISON AVENUE

Mad Ave will be touring this winter, spreading their already vaunted reputation throughout the South.

Every semester they go to different schools, and in the past they have gone to Vassar University, Syracuse University, Haverford College, Muhlenberg College and Rutgers College, according to President senior Scott Lewis. Last year, Mad Ave went to the International Championship of Collegiate *A Cappella* (ICAA) and reached the national semi-finals.

Lewis said the group toured the Southeast last year, and will be doing it again in January. In the past they used to tour the north, but they have decided to go south for better weather conditions. According to Lewis, some of the states they will be visiting are Tennessee, Louisiana, Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina. On Jan. 21, Mad Ave will be opening up for Ball in the House, a professional *a cappella* group, in Walterboro, S. C. Mad Ave released a CD last year and is currently working on another. Lewis said the fund raising is not there to have

it done by spring, so hopefully it will be released next fall semester.

AOTA, the coed group, is not as focused on fund raising or making CDs as Mad Ave and OADN. Senior Esme Allen said that the group went to Penn State in the past and that they may start touring around other colleges. Their goal for next semester is to go to other colleges and they may do a concert at a member's high school. During the holidays the group would like to go caroling in Madison. "We are more about having fun rather than recording a CD," Allen said.

The *a cappella* groups may seem like something that belong to Drew alone, but these groups are not always on our campus. However, the groups remain loyal to their backgrounds and are always up for doing a concert at Drew. You can hear the *a cappella* groups perform at the End of Classes Jam on Dec. 13.



COURTESY OF ON A DIFFERENT NOTE

The members of On a Different Note perform all over the county for various businesses and for various reasons. Here they are singing for the public at Bottle Hill Day in September.

Plays in Process: *Silent Thunder* and *Goodbye Lily*



Silent Thunder, written by senior Jackie Bruchman, is about a 16-year-old girl and her stepmother. Directed by senior Lindsey Godfrey, the play stars sophomore Carla Emanuele as the stepmother and freshman Liz Reiss as the daughter. The girl's father is on a business trip and his plane gets delayed, leaving the stepmom and the daughter alone. The daughter finally opens up to her stepmother, telling her how she feels she lost attention from her father since the stepmom came along.

Goodbye Lily was directed by sophomore Max Kleinman and written by senior Katie Stults. The play is about a man and a woman who dated in high school and meet unexpectedly in the park. They are now in their mid-twenties and the woman is a mother. In high school, the man had been verbally abusive and violent, but in an attempt to rekindle something with his old girlfriend, he pretends he has changed. His plan fails though when a junkie approaches him and it is revealed that he is a drug dealer. Sophomores Heather Kleinman and Jeremy Stoller play the woman and man and freshman Mary-Catherine Lawler plays the druggie.

Plays in Process is a program designed to promote the works of student playwrights. Following all performances, the audience is invited to a question and answer session with the writer, director and actors. The entire *Plays in Process* procedure is meant to help young writers fine-tune their works, in an environment of their peers, with opinions and constructive criticism. All performances, unless otherwise noted, are on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and are free for everyone. They take place in the Dorothy Young Center for the Arts' Directors Lab.



Above: Sophomore Carla Emanuele plays a disgruntled stepmother in *Silent Thunder*.

Below: Sophomore Jeremy Stoller plays a drug dealer in *Goodbye Lily*. Freshman Mary-Catherine Lawler is the druggie.



In *Silent Thunder*, freshman Liz Reiss (left) plays a daughter talking things over with her stepmother, played by Emanuele, while her father is out of town.



Ron Jeremy: ~~Porn star~~ Movie star?

Brandon Picchierri
Entertainment Editor

Hopefully you've calmed down a bit since the debate on Wednesday. But since we finally had a recognizable name on campus, why not take full advantage of him?

For those of you who don't know (and judging from the attendance Wednesday, most of you do...) few people have left their mark on an industry the way Ron Jeremy has.

Without Jeremy's huge contributions, the adult-film industry would not be anywhere near what it is today—a multi-million dollar a year business.

Starting his career as a stand-up comic and special education teacher in Queens, N.Y., Jeremy was thrust into the porn world when his girlfriend submitted his photo to *Playgirl* magazine. Following the picture's publication, his legend was born.

Jeremy has appeared in more than 1,000 adult films, but here, we rank his top five television and movie appearances not given an NC-17 rating.

#5: *Reindeer Games*

This terrible excuse for a holiday thriller/perfect crime flick featuring Ben Affleck and Gary Sinise was saved by a short-yet-memorable Jeremy performance.

Jeremy is officially listed as "Prisoner #1," one of Affleck's cellmates early in the film's jail scenes. Those scenes are Jeremy's only contributions to the film. However, they remain the only reason to watch the film—aside from the ten minutes or so of senseless Charlize Theron nudity.

Producers were concerned that

a large part given to Jeremy would lower *Reindeer Games'* credibility, when, in fact, it was its star Affleck they should've been worrying about the whole time.

#4: *Detroit Rock City*

Not too much of a stretch from his ultimate career choice, Jeremy is featured as an emcee in a male strip club in this one.

The star of *Detroit Rock City*, *Terminator 2: Judgement Day's* Edward Furlong, goes into the club to make some quick cash by stripping for some rowdy ladies on amateur night.

Instead, he ends up losing the contest and his virginity before getting to see his favorite band, KISS, perform.

Jeremy is hilarious in his only scene, as he spansks Furlong onto the stage and tells him to shake what his momma gave him.

#3: *Porn Star: The Legend of Ron Jeremy*

This film tells the tale that none of Jeremy's other films do—the story of his life.

From his childhood in New York to his current iconic status, *Porn Star* showed fans the softer side of Ron Jeremy, a side rarely seen in the type of world Jeremy dwells in.

Amazingly well done and fantastically well received by critics, this documentary was actually nominated for Documentary of the Year in 2001 by the *Chicago Sun-Times*.

Quite the achievement for a Queens College theater major, huh?

#2: *The Boondock Saints*

A cult-classic all its own, *The Boondock Saints* follows the tale of



A screenshot from Jeremy's scene in *The Boondock Saints*.

two young Irish men who take the law into their own hands.

After getting mixed up with both the Russian mafia and the Italian Mob, the Irish duo somehow triumph in the end.

Helping to elevate the film to cult status was Jeremy's performance. As Vincenzo Lipazzi, he's the right-hand man to mob boss Yakavetta. He only has a few scenes, but all of them are hilarious.

The sequel, due out next spring, returns the majority of the first *Saints* cast, and rumor has it that Jeremy will be given a new role in it. Odd, considering Vincenzo Lipazzi was shot to death in a sex shop halfway through the first *Saints* film.



Ron Jeremy and his *Surreal Life* co-stars (from left) Traci Bingham, Rob "Vanilla Ice" Van Winkle, Tammy Faye Baker, Trishelle Cannatella and Erik Estrada.

#1: *The Surreal Life: Season 2*

For most celebrities, a show like *The Surreal Life* is merely a lame attempt for has-beens to get their faces back out there for the public to see. For Ron Jeremy, it was a chance to show the world that pornstars had something to offer the world above the belt.

Featuring B-list stars like Corey Feldman, Emmanuel Lewis and MC Hammer, *The Surreal Life* is a reality show of the sleaziest variety.

But what better way to sleaze up a show than by putting a pornstar in its second season?

The producers gathered together an interesting blend of stars and ex-stars alike for the second season, featuring Vanilla Ice, Tammy Faye Baker, *The Real World: Las Vegas* hottie Trishelle Cannatella and *CHiPs* star Erik Estrada, but the diamond in their rough was Jeremy.

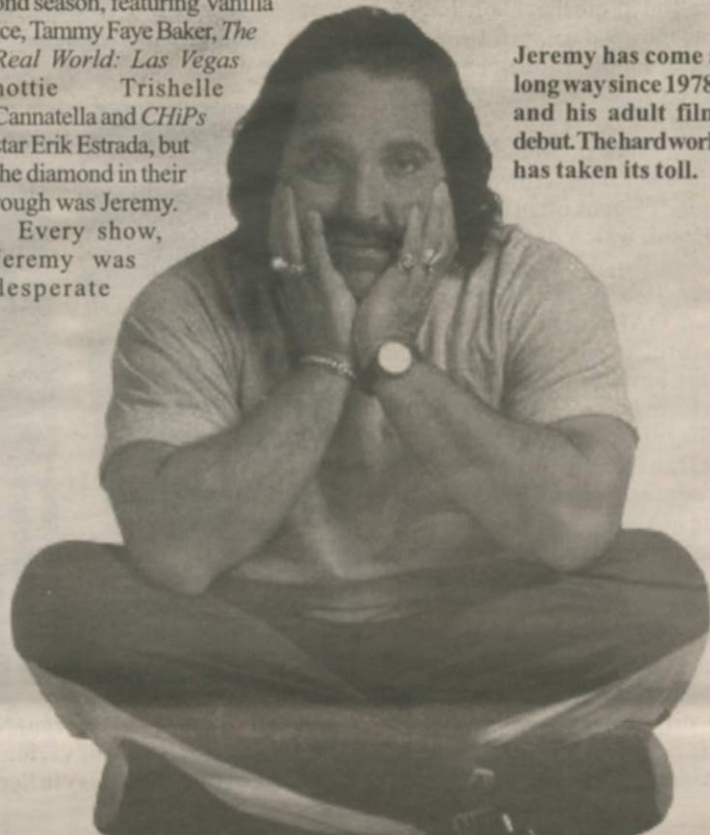
Every show, Jeremy was desperate

to get into bed with Trishelle, or Baywatch beauty Traci Bingham, and was hilariously denied time and time again. Halfway through the season, most fans expected him just to go for Baker.

Jeremy succeeded in adding some humor, and, oddly enough, some class to the reality show by showing off his intelligence and charm that isn't seen behind the camera on a porn-set.

Regardless of your opinion on the debate, there is no denying that Ron Jeremy is an American icon. Years from now, you'll be able to tell your children and grandchildren that you had the chance to shake the hand of a true legend.

Jeremy has come a long way since 1978, and his adult film debut. The hard work has taken its toll.



Jon Stewart says "God bless America (The Book)"

I restrained myself. I practiced all the restraint I could muster before I went to the Entertainment Editor of *The Acorn* and begged him to allow me to review *America (The Book)*. I waited three weeks after the day I got the book—you know, just to make sure that it was the funniest thing I ever had the pleasure to read. I wanted to be sure my known Jon Stewart bias wasn't clouding my vision.

So I read it again. And again. And after three reads, I'm ready to tell you that it's not as funny as I thought it was.

It's funnier.

America (The Book) is the kind of book you need to read more than once before you can fully appreciate the subtlety and the tiny nuances that permeate the book's 220 pages. *The Daily Show's* style, under Stewart, is to allow the political world to mock

itself, while sliding in a quick one-liner every so often to point out the ridiculousness of it all. *America* follows that model to near-flawless results.

The book, to an illiterate, would appear to be an elementary school textbook. Its type is bold and large, it's full of little picture and text boxes and it even has the "This book is the property of:" box stamped on the inside cover.

Each chapter ends with the review questions that were so common in our grade school textbooks. However, these aren't your typical boring discussion questions. They

range from the absurd ("If you lived in a monarchy, would you rather be a king or a slave?") to the even more absurd ("What is the central ideological difference between democracy and cannibalism?"). Throughout the book's pages, small "Were You Aware?" boxes point out interesting facts, such as "Congressman Henry Hyde (R-IL) is our jowliest congressman." There is a plethora of graphs, pictures and maps, each chock full of jokes. Stylistically, the book's design is a masterpiece.

As for the jokes in the text, what can I say? They're funny. They're pee-in-your-pants funny. There are some jokes that make you say, "Can they really say that?" There are jokes that will give you belly laughs, others that will make you smirk and a select few that will probably sail over your head. I could give you some samples, but I won't, because I can't do them justice in this format. They have to be experienced in textbook form, with the hilarious pictures and graphics to accompany them.

America (The Book) is the height of satire. It is comprehensive and unmerciful. It takes on Congress, the presidency, the Supreme Court and both political parties, to name just a few of the targets.

The best chapter, not surprisingly, deals with the American media, as the authors delight in lambasting biased political pundits. It even delves a bit into bi-

ology, with a diagram of the brain of a political pundit, complete with a giant ego and superego, a speech center—which, as the authors speculate, is connected to the rectum—and a tiny sliver used for reason. The book is also right on target in the chapter on Congress. The authors include a "classroom activity": Coloring in the faces of the members of the original Senate and the current incarnation. The helpful color key points out that every face is white.

It is all for a laugh—or is it? The book's message is clear: That America's democratic institutions have warts, and that the media, due in part to corporate ownership, fails to point out these warts to the public. Like *The Daily Show*, the book makes its frustration with inequality, inefficient institutions and political greed quite clear.

However, *America (The Book)* somehow manages to fill a textbook with the problems of American democracy and not make it depressing. Rather than cynicism, the book has an undercurrent of optimism, that despite all of the problems our country has, as long as we are able to laugh at ourselves, everything will be alright.

America should be required reading for every citizen, especially for political science majors. It is your civic duty to read this book. Don't let your country down.



America (The Book) is a satirical look at our government, our country and even our textbooks. Stewart and friends pull no punches.

Book Review

Colin Daniels
Managing Editor

America (The Book)
by
Jon Stewart, Ben Karlin, David Javerbaum, *The Daily Show* staff

On Sale Nationwide

Rating: (out of)

DRAWN UNIVERSITY

By Jeff Kyle



Stuff To Do (On and Off Drew)

Tonight:

Everclear brings their alternative sound to Irving Plaza, starting at 9 p.m.

The Radio City Christmas Spectacular kicks off for the winter season starting at 7 p.m.

Tomorrow:

Yellowcard and The Starting Line bring some pop-punk to the City, playing the Roseland Ballroom at 7 p.m.

Monday:

Webster Hall features the sounds of Jimmy Eat World, starting at 8 p.m.

Tuesday:

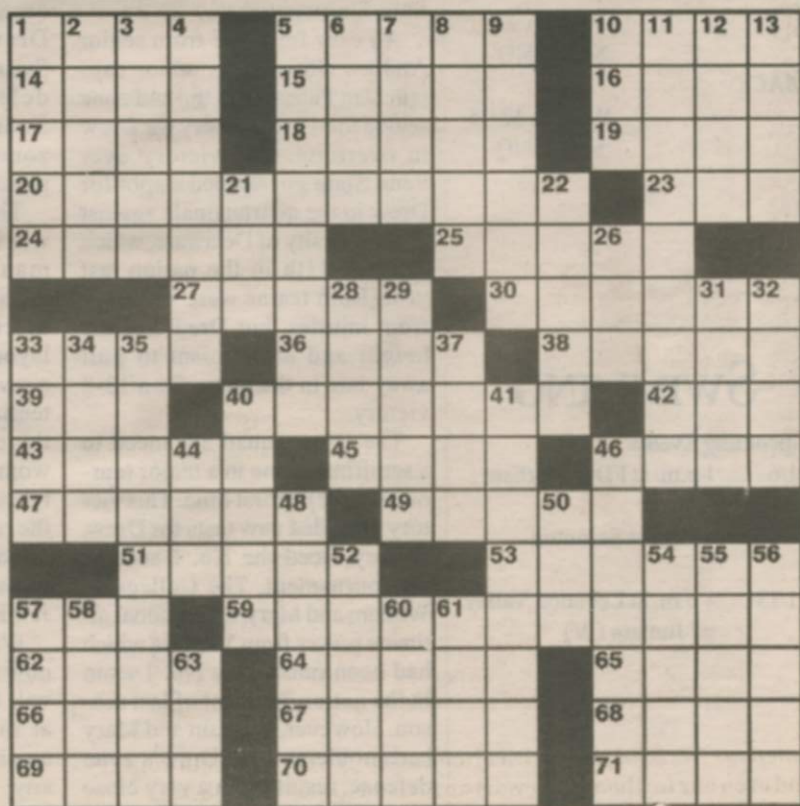
Modest Mouse is playing Radio City Music Hall, starting at 9 p.m.

THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Last week's answers:

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EDITOR'S PICKS

• Chances are, you heard Jimmy Eat World's last CD, *Bleed American*. Their major-label debut was chock full of hits, so naturally, they changed their sound drastically. *Futures* has a unique sound, a mellow sort of punk-rock, and it works. Check it out!

- Brandon Picchierri, Entertainment Editor

• I recently read a not-so-recent book, *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West*, written by Gregory Maguire. This book has been adapted into a Broadway success, but if you're like me, and you couldn't get tickets to the show, just read the book — you won't be disappointed.

- Swetha Iyengar, Executive Editor

• Football season is in full-swing now, but there's nothing like a good football movie to keep you from doing work. One of my favorites is *Necessary Roughness*. The late-80s classic features the dynamic performances of Sinbad, Scott Bakula and Rob Schneider, and features hilarious football scenes, a decent-enough plot and Kathy Ireland in a towel. *Nuff said.

- Brandon Picchierri, Entertainment Editor

RANGERS' FALL SEASON

MEN'S SOCCER

Current Record (13-5-1)

FDU	W 6-1
Scranton	W 1-0
Wilkes	W 6-1

Upcoming Events

11/6 1 p.m. Lycoming

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Final Record (12-6-1)

Widener	W 2-0
Lycoming	W 1-0
FDU	L 1-0

FIELD HOCKEY

Current Record (12-7)

TCNJ	L 4-2
Lebanon Valley	L 4-0
Wilkes	W 2-0

Upcoming Events

11/6 3:30 p.m. Scranton

CROSS COUNTRY

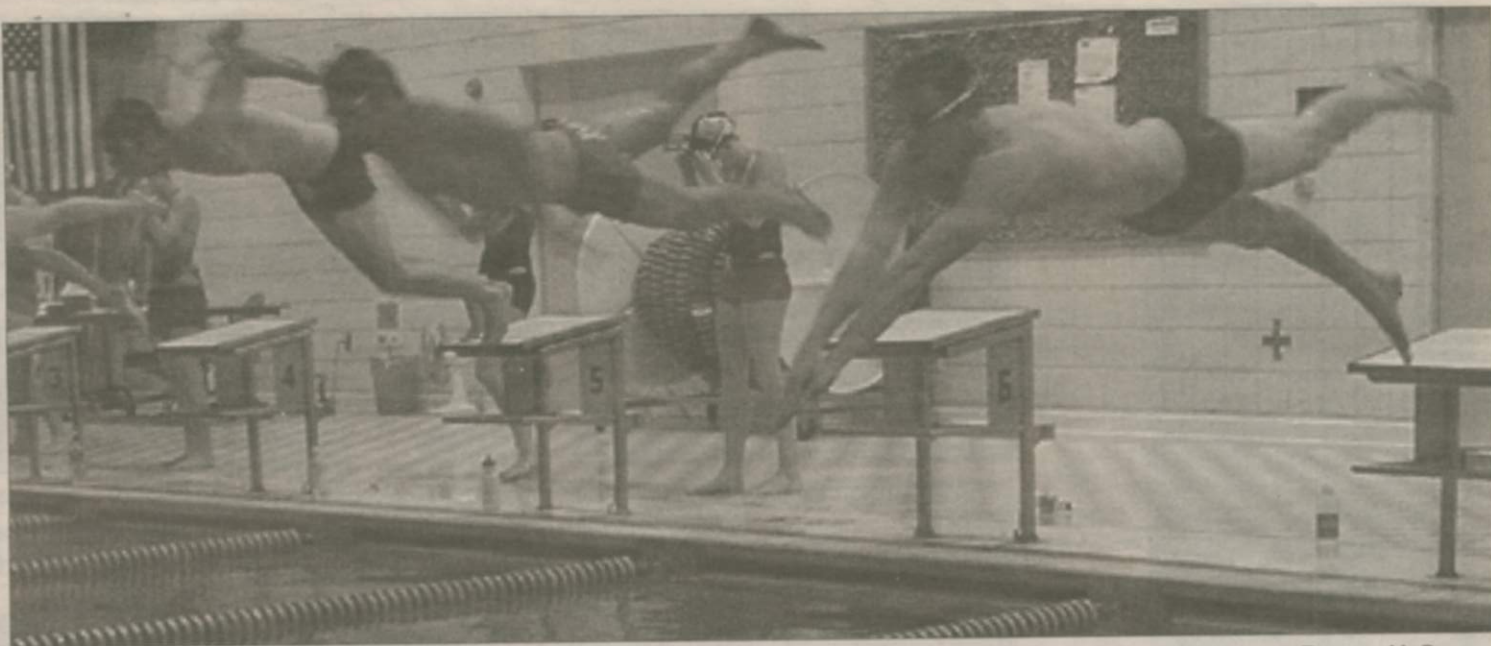
Final Competitions

NJIT	Women 2/6
	Men DNQ
Drew Invitational	Women 2/6
	Men DNQ
MACs	Women 13/15
	Men DNQ

SWIMMING

Upcoming Events

11/6	1 p.m. at FDU-Florham
11/9	7 p.m. at Scranton
11/13	1 p.m. at Lebanon Valley w/ Juniata (W)



PATRICK McCLUSKEY

The members of the men's swim team dive into the pool during the Rangers' practice yesterday.

Swimming dives into season this weekend

Vinnie Cavaliere

Assistant Sports Editor

The men's and women's swim teams kick off their season this week. The Rangers are hoping to bounce back from the men's team's first losing record since the program started. The women are looking to do the same after an equally unsuccessful year, but it might be an even longer season for both teams this time around. Last year, the men swam to a 5-8

record and a sixth place finish at the Middle Atlantic Conference Championships, while the women went 4-9, and came in eighth.

The Rangers lost five talented seniors including multiple school record-holder Brent Archer. The Rangers also lost eight swimmers since the season began, leaving the men's team with a roster of five, and the women with ten.

The Rangers are in the second season of Head Coach Rebecca Mitchell and new Assistant Coach

Jose Cruz. "We're hoping to see 100 percent personal best times," Mitchell said. "The goals are the Eastern College Athletic Conference and MAC qualifying times for all members of both teams and to maintain a positive attitude and have fun."

The men's team captains are seniors Dave Walker, Dave Capezza and Robb Trapp. Each was named to the MAC All-Conference second team last February with Walker putting his name on Drew's all-time top five list in the 200 free. Sophomore Ted Johnsen is looking to qualify for the mid-season ECAC championships which he barely missed last season.

Rounding out the team is freshman Andrew Cronholm, who his teammates expect to make a big impact. "Andrew has an amazing drive to achieve anything. I think he can come in and place top-6 individually at MACs in one or two events," Johnsen said.

Such a short roster could make it difficult for the men to win many meets this year against teams of as many as 25 members.

The women's team looks more promising, having added five freshmen, as well as bringing back sophomore standout swimmer Julia

Sheffield after a year off.

The women are led by senior captains Brooke Affleck and Adrian Coffey. Each is hoping for a more successful year than last. "Having two more girls on the team will allow us to swim more relays which can only make us better," Affleck said.

"Even though we graduated some of our integral point-scorers a bigger roster gives us more depth. Our depth this year should help us in dual meets," Mitchell added.

Juniors Kristin Beyard, Becky Berlin and Sheffield make up the rest of the returning Rangers. Affleck anticipates strong performances from all the juniors.

"All the freshmen girls are working very hard and have brought a lot of new enthusiasm to the team," Coffey said. Mitchell named Kellie Joyce as a potential freshman standout. "I'm really looking forward to watching Joyce this season," Mitchell said. "She's battling injuries right now, but I think when she's healthy she will have a big impact on the women's team."

Tomorrow, the Rangers open their season against conference cross-town rival, Fairleigh Dickinson University-Florham at FDU at 1 p.m.

Frisbee stuns competition by placing 3rd in tourney

Rob Wakeman

Contributing Writer

It was a record-setting weekend for both the men's and women's Ultimate Frisbee teams, as both had unprecedented success at this past weekend's Haverween Tournament at Haverford College, Pa. Although the men's team captured a tournament title this season, it has never advanced so far in such a competitive interregional tournament in the history of the club.

Twenty teams attended the tournament, with Drew ranked 13th overall. After beating Lehigh University, New York University and Villanova University in pool play on Saturday, Drew played regional powerhouse Pennsylvania State University.

An easy forehand from senior Andrew Sotiriou to senior captain Dan Patisteas in the end zone sealed the 15-14 victory for Drew in overtime. The victory over Penn State guaranteed a spot for Drew in the quarterfinals against the University of Delaware, which finished 11th in the nation last year. Both teams were suffering from injuries, but Drew had the height and athleticism to pull away late in the game for a 13-8 victory.

The Drew squad advanced to a semifinal game in a major tournament for the first time. This victory provided new tests for Drew, as they faced the No. 1 seed in the tournament, The College of William and Mary, a traditional ultimate power from Virginia which had been ranked the No. 1 team in the nation for most of last season. However, William and Mary had problems with Drew's zone defense, resulting in a very close game. Tied 12-12 in a game to 13,

Drew had two defensive stops, but was unable to convert. William and Mary finally capitalized for the 13-12 victory, but their captain, Andrew Mangan, remarked that it was the team's most exciting game of the weekend. Drew finished tied for 3rd in the tournament, with a 5-1 record. Drew now has a 19-8 record on the season and is ranked 1st in its section. Drew is also ranked in the top 10 in its region, which extends from Ontario, Canada to northern Virginia.

It was also a momentous weekend for Drew's women's team. The team had its first win over a college team in five years, beating Swarthmore University 13-7. After a rough Saturday, where Drew went 0-4, the team regrouped and came out aggressive on Sunday. Down at half 7-6, Drew clamped down on Swarthmore with a tenacious zone defense, barely letting Swarthmore out of their own end zone. Drew scored 7 straight points to clinch the victory.

This season, the women's team was infused with a glut of freshman talent, led by Danielle Wilsey, with her tough-nosed defense and improbable diving layout catches. The victory was a revelation for the women's potential. "I'm really excited about this coming spring season for the women's team. There is a lot of talent among the freshmen and the returnees and with our winter conditioning it should really show on the field," sophomore Jen Hudon said.

While the women's team is now finished for the fall, the men will be competing this weekend at the University of Delaware against Johns Hopkins University, Lehigh, the United States Naval Academy and Villanova.

Intramural Results Soccer Standings

Santeros	4-2
Oliver's Team	3-2
Swift Boat	3-3
Team #1	2-3
Pink Ladies	0-6

Flag Football Standings

Division A	
The Go-Getters	3-0
Death	3-1
Greaze	2-2
Dougie and the Tummy	0-3
Crazy Eights	0-4
Division B	
Aqua Teen	3-1
Team 1	2-2
Restkpa Us	2-2
Beaver Fever	1-3

Volleyball Standings

Team #1	5-0
Holloway 2nd	3-2
Spiked Punch	3-3
Las Cucarachas	2-2
Annihilators	1-5

SPORTS SPATS

1. Should Drew offer a bus to all of the away playoff games for students to attend?

MC: Yes, Drew should provide buses for playoff games, if not solely for transportation but also for the warm shelter for those fans "excused" from the premises for unknown reasons. It's bad enough we can't fill up the stands at home games — let's get some support for the big games. Plus, we all know Drew kids can't follow directions.

BP: With the playoffs starting and our Rangers smack dab in the midst of them, our men and women are going to need support on the fierce Scranton tundras and Messiah fields. The majority of universities transport fans to local games, whether it be by bus or van or even car, and Drew should be no exception. We held the National Soccer Championships on campus last year, and walking around rooting for Boyer to save another one, I noticed a TON of Trinity fans. Trinity is in Texas, folks. Can we at least get a bus down the street to see FDU get embarrassed?

LM: Drew should offer buses, refreshments, alcohol and straight cash to get students to attend away playoff games, or any games for that matter. Granted, we don't have a football team to unite the student body, but our school spirit is more dismal than Colin's social life. The same 50 or so people cycle through every sporting event, joined periodically by parents, relatives, TK the Ranger Bear and Super Fan. I don't know if providing transportation to games will increase attendance, but I think it's worth a shot. Can't hurt, can it?

CD: It's a nice idea in theory, but where is the money going to come from? Folks, we attend a school where the Athletic Department won't even provide the athletes with adequate warm-up gear and jackets. Do you really think that they're going to cough up the money to give the teams fan support at away games? Nice try, but I don't see it ever happening.

Ali the Ump: Two points for Moss. It couldn't hurt to try to get Drew fans to away games. One point for Daniels — where would the money come from?

2. Can the Eagles remain undefeated through regular season play? Why or why not?

CD: I think if they get through the Steelers this week, they have an outside shot. Everything runs against them this week. Duce Staley, their ex-running back, will have added incentive to prove that Philadelphia should not have let him go. The Eagles' current running back, Brian Westbrook, is injured. They're playing in front of a rabid Pittsburgh crowd. But if the Eagles can squeeze past the Steelers, their schedule becomes a lot easier the rest of the way out. Four of their games are against the hideous Redskins and the faltering Cowboys. And the Eagles, with their balance of offense and defense, have a much better shot than, say, the Chiefs of last year did during their early undefeated run. But it will be determined this week, and my money's not on them. (How's that for a reverse jinx?)



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Ali "The Ump" Robbins



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Assistant Sports Editor



and Special Guest Michelle Callen



Above left: Philadelphia Eagles running back Brian Westbrook is injured. Will him not playing contribute to the Eagles first loss?



Above right: Drew students attended the women's soccer game at FDU on Wednesday. Should fans be offered a bus to away athletic events?

LM: Undefeated? I don't think so. No matter how good a team is, upsets are always possible. How often does a team have a perfect season? About as often as Brandon writes a perfect Sports Spats answer. With nine games left, including Sunday's against the 6-1 Steelers, the Eagles will choke soon enough. In fact, I predict that their streak is already over, as the Steelers proved their superiority by beating the Eagles in preseason.

BP: The Miami Dolphins went undefeated in 1972, and remain the only team in the history of the NFL to accomplish such a feat.

The Philadelphia Eagles are not the Miami Dolphins of 1972. The NFL is not the same as it was in 1972. Free agency wasn't even around in 1972.

Colin wants proof, so here it is: Terrell Owens is on an absolutely blistering pace right now, and there is not a chance he can continue to torch defenses like that without double or triple coverage. Starting halfback Brian Westbrook suffered a fairly serious rib fracture a few weeks ago, and hurt ribs in the NFL don't stand a chance of healing quickly. The departure of a lot of defensive leaders has inspired this defense to play a lot better than they really are, and offensive coordinators are going to figure out a way to exploit that.

The Eagles will win their conference, but won't go undefeated doing it. And I can't wait to see how they blow their chances this year in the NFC championship.

MC: No, the Eagles will not remain undefeated through the regular season. Reason No. 1, it's only happened ONCE in the history of the NFL. Reason No. 2, upcoming game against the Steelers who recently upset the New England Patriots for their first loss in over a year. And finally reason No. 3, the Eagles CHOKED under pressure. They have gotten to the NFC East Championship game year after year only to lose, which they will eventually do this season.

Ali the Ump: Two points for Callen. All three reasons are legit and true. One point for Picchierri. The NFL is no place to have a perfect season these days.

3. Should Drew student-athletes be required to have study hall hours as with D-I and II schools?

BP: Most Drew coaches assign mandatory study hours, at least for freshmen. This was the policy for me as a lacrosse player my freshman year, and Head Coach Tom Leanos still employs that rule of his players.

Whether or not the majority of coaches do that, it's a fantastic idea that promotes student-athletes being students above athletes. Good for them.

CD: No. Division I and II athletes are more prone to devote all of their time to their sport. Hopefully, that doesn't happen with Division III athletes, so I think it would be a waste of time and money.

LM: It's not only unfair to require athletes to attend study hall, it's also unnecessary. Didn't *The Acorn* just publish an article about sky-rocketing GPAs by Drew's student-athletes? Haven't you heard athletes say that they actually structure their time better during the season? Doesn't being an athlete automatically imply that they've maintained a certain GPA? Don't I write better than Colin and Brandon? Aren't I an athlete? Don't they wish they were?

MC: Drew student-athletes should not have required study halls. Especially not for the team with the highest GPA in D-III softball, wink wink, Al. Large groups of athletes commiserating in the library will just cause distractions and frustration to those students there voluntarily to study. In addition, it would be an annoyance to those teammates who do not need to be babysat with regards to homework. Besides, most students will just use the time to chat on AIM, using tips found in *The Other Daniels' Dictionary*.

Ali the Ump: Two points for

Moss. Drew's student-athletes have among the highest GPAs in the country. One point for Callen — the emphasis for D-III athletics is ACADEMICS and athletics.

4. Ramon Antonio Pena, a pitcher from the Dominican Republic, lied about his age two years ago to sign with the Diamondbacks. He used his nephew's birth certificate. Should he get a second chance to pitch again in the US?

LM: Sure. Suspend him, make sure he's ashamed, then bring him back and forget all about it. Professional sports leagues give players second chances all the time, even if they get mixed up in legal battles involving drugs, rape or even murder. Pena said he was 19? So what? Currently active professional athletes have done much worse.

MC: Pena should absolutely be given a second chance to play for the Diamondbacks. If Jamal Lewis can still play for the Ravens after trafficking cocaine, Leonard Little can continue to play after committing vehicular manslaughter while driving under the influence, and countless other athletes can continue to play after committing crimes much more violent than using a false birth certificate, Pena should be able to pitch again. That or put on some pads and a helmet and through the pigskin instead of the baseball.

CD: If they banned every athlete who lied about their age at one point, stars like Rafael Furcal and Alfonso Soriano wouldn't be in the league. The risk you run with certain Latino players is that their "age" isn't entirely accurate. Let's worry about banning Barry Bonds for steroid use before we start a witch hunt against the Latino players. Lies happen in life. After all, Brandon lied about his writing and editing abilities, but we've kept him on staff at *The Acorn*.

BP: I see no reason why he shouldn't. If he has the talent to pitch in the Major Leagues, let him.

Over the past few seasons, we've seen pitchers lie on their birth certificates, catchers lie to scouts, closers star in pornographic films and a ton of players illegally use steroids. I hate to say it, but baseball and its policies need a major overhaul. Danny Almonte, the teen who lied on his birth certificate to pitch in the Little League World Series, is on his way to the League soon, they better get their policies figured out because God knows what that kid is gonna try next.

Ali the Ump: Two points for Moss. Second chances are the name of the game in Major League sports. One point for Picchierri. Professional players are going to lie, just as any other person about age.

Moss captures the title this week with 6 points. No one was a close second.

Final Score

Daniels

1

Moss

6

Picchierri

2

Callen

3

Ezzo leaves mark on men's rugby

Dave Codell
Contributing Writer

The men's rugby team finished its fall season this past weekend with an away match against the State University of New York-Stonybrook.

The match was special for the team because the Ranger teammates got to see senior backfield captain and club match secretary Bill Ezzo score his first career tri in his last union game.

Ezzo broke free of a tackle in the midfield and ran the ball 30 meters for his first career score.

The team was unable to pull out a victory in its final game, but afterwards Ezzo said that he was "happy to have been a part of Drew rugby for the past four years."

Ezzo also added that he would be leaving with plenty of good memories, especially with

his teammates.

This match marks the end of the first season for many first-year players who will now be expected to step up their level of play in the future.

Freshmen Pete Rudolph and Justin Yu seem to be up for the challenge.

After learning what would be expected of him in the future, Rudolph said, "The rookies and I have spent the season learning the game and getting playing experience."

"We've made a lot of progress and we will be prepared and riled for the spring season," he said.

Yu added, "Rugby rocks my socks. Deciding to play rugby at Drew has been my best decision. I've had a lot of fun and learned a lot more about rugby."

With plenty of freshmen talent the team looks forward to the spring season.

Equestrian team jumps and scores higher in Readington competition

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Contributing Writer

Halloween proved to be a very special day for the equestrian team. The team garnered a second place finish at the International Horse Show Association Zone 2 Region 1 Hunter Seat horse show hosted by the United States Military Academy at Briarwood Farm in Readington. Sixteen colleges competed at the show.

The Rangers finished just behind Centenary College who took first place with 44 points and in front of USMA who placed third with 33 points. The riding Rangers' efforts solidified their second place standing in the Region. The Rangers have a 15-point lead over the third place USMA team.

According to Coach Karen Sykes, "The team pulled together and kept building on each outstanding performance in the ring, supported each other and really focused on showing off their equitation in the show ring. I am really

proud of how well the team is riding and the level of sportsmanship and teamwork they demonstrated at the show."

Junior Kristine Kennedy's race for the Cacchione Cup is looking bright. Her two wins in the Open Flat and Fences classes extended her lead over Centenary's Tim Leuzarder to 7 points. Kennedy, along with freshman Tori Frederick, tied for High Point Rider. Frederick took home first place in both the Intermediate Fences and Flat classes.

Senior Alison Keane added another first place finish to the blue ribbon count, placing first in the Novice Flat class, and fifth in the Novice Fences. The efforts of Frederick, Keane, and Kennedy pushed the Rangers' blue ribbon count up to 15.

Junior Laura Caccavone's sixth place in Intermediate Fences qualified her for Post Season Regional Competition in April 2005.

Caccavone will join fellow teammate junior Kate Baer on the list of qualifiers and will compete in Open

Fences. Caccavone also placed third in Intermediate Fences. Baer earned a fifth place in the Open Flat class, while sophomore Alyssa Spenn placed third in Novice Flat and Intermediate Flat. Freshmen Lya Gardner and Amy Lester took second and fifth place respectively in the Walk Trot while Nathan Band earned a Reserve place.

Deanna Wallach took third place in the Novice Flat and earned a sixth place in the Novice Fences. In the Advanced Walk Trot Canter class, freshman Susie Nugent earned a second place finish while fellow freshman Paige Weller garnered a fifth place finish for the team.

Assistant Coach Sandra Sayre earned a third place ribbon in the Alumni Flat class and a fifth place ribbon in the Alumni Fences. The Rangers' next show is Sunday at the Hunter Seat Show hosted by Marist College at Hidden Pond Stables in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where Sykes is anticipating a repeat of the team's strong performance in Readington.

There are miles left to run for cross country team

Emily Perks
Contributing Writer

Drew University's men's and women's cross country teams participated in Middle Atlantic Conference Championships last Saturday at Belmont Plateau.

It was both of the teams' last meet of the year. Elizabethtown College swept the team event winning both the men's and women's races.

The women's team finished 13th out of 15 teams, compared to last year's 13th out of 14 teams. Junior Nina Dziopa said the results were "better than last year, but [we] still aren't satisfied."

While the team did not meet its stated goal of being in the top 50 percent, it did improve.

Head Coach Mark Leibowitz believes it is "always your goal as a coach." According to Leibowitz, the women's team ran well but suffered the effects of a stressful season. Leibowitz said the women's team was not up to the level that it needed to be at on Saturday.

Junior Ender Ricart finished first

for the Rangers and 58th overall finishing with a time of 27:01. It was "a very nice race for her," Leibowitz said. Second for the Rangers was junior Keyla Herrera, who finished in 27:41, slower than expected.

Dziopa was sick Saturday and finished third for Drew. Finishing fourth, fifth and sixth were sophomores Ashley Ramsey, Kyle Gillich and Elizabeth Vail, respectively. According to Leibowitz the women's team did not run badly on Saturday, but "a combination of average, above average and below average races resulted in an overall average day for the team."

Overall, Leibowitz called the season fulfilling. However, he did say that MACs were a poor culmination of the season. The women's team was unable to end one of its most successful seasons in the past few years on a high note.

Dziopa highlighted the good of the season though. "We have continued to grow as a team. We can only get better."

The men's team was only able to field two runners due to injuries suffered by its top two runners

prior to the last regular season meet. Seniors Ivan Hollister and Daniel Schoenberg both competed in their last collegiate meets on Saturday. According to Leibowitz, both met his expectations in their final races.

Looking ahead to next year Leibowitz is excited about the possibilities for the women's team since it is graduating only one runner.

He said he is hoping that strenuous recruiting will enable him to continue to expand the women's team and to hopefully field a full men's team.

According to Leibowitz, the team has learned that in order to compete at their highest possible level in the fall they need to train throughout the year. Herrera expects the team to be better next year because, "We will all be more experienced."

Leibowitz will be starting a winter track club to aid the process. It will be open to any Drew student who wants to join. The first meeting will be held this Monday at the finish line of the indoor track in the Forum at 4:30 p.m.



THE Pentagon

talks with women's soccer player
sophomore Gabbie Haenn

1. Who do you hate more — Scranton or FDU?

GH: Definitely FDU because they talk a lot of smack and they beat up my roommate, [sophomore] Erin "Switchblade" McNally. Nobody messes with the JC [Jersey City].

2. What is the team going to do now that the season is over?

GH: A team funneling tournament. It'll be intense because not only do we have some of the conference's strongest soccer players, we also have some girls who can funnel like Frank the Tank from Old School. "It tastes so good when it hits your lips."

3. Regardless of the actual results, which Freedom Conference team do you think deserves to win the most?

GH: Definitely us. We have worked hard to get to the tournament and deserve the title.

4. Who is the unsung hero of the women's soccer team?

GH: I think for this one I'll have to go with the goalie coach, Yves. He really keeps us focused during practice, not to mention the hell of a job training our defender-turned-goalie, [sophomore] Genie Valantassis.

5. You did not see much game time last year, but you play almost every minute now. How did you do it?

GH: I won [Head Coach] Christa [Racine] over with my incredible foot skills. I mean, I obviously have no game in the air. Who heads the ball anyway? P.S., I'm being totally sarcastic.

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Playoff loss may end season for women's soccer

Stephanie Backes
Contributing Writer

The women's soccer team finished its season with a 1-0 loss to hometown rival Fairleigh Dickinson University - Florham on Wednesday. The upset came as a surprise.

The team defeated FDU 3-2 during the regular season and beat them in the same round last year to advance to the finals. In Wednesday's game, the Rangers couldn't find the offensive potency that propelled them to victory earlier in the season.

Junior forward Julie Strain believes the Rangers' defense was a dominating force for most of the game. However, an FDU forward broke past the last defender and headed to the goal unmarked in a rare defensive breakdown. FDU took a 1-0 lead on the fast break, which turned out to be all they needed. Despite many chances, Drew couldn't tie the games.

Strain feels the team came out aggressive against FDU. However,

they were unable to capitalize on their opportunities. "We played strong and kept the ball in our possession for a large portion of the game, but we never had any goal scoring opportunities. There were no open chances," she said.

Head Coach Christa Racine is disappointed with the loss as well. She knew FDU had some extremely dangerous players and that the Rangers would need to be consistent to shut them down. She believes the offense needed to create more scoring opportunities to ensure victory. "We were too conservative and not willing to take any risks. We needed a more take-risk attitude."

Earlier this week, the Rangers tackled Lycoming College. The game determined the Rangers' playoff seeding.

During the first half, sophomore Cait Mueller drilled the ball across the mouth of the goal. Fellow sophomore Emily Perks was waiting in position, and she hit it past the keeper for a one-goal lead. This goal proved sufficient, as the Rangers took the win 1-0.

Racine was proud of the way the team played in this game and credits the defense as key to the victory. The team knew it had to win this game, and Racine feels it definitely rose to the challenge.

"It was a must-win situation and a very heated match. Our defense was strong and was able to keep Lycoming scoreless. Genie [Valantassis] made some big saves in the goal, which were very important," Racine said.

At halftime during the Lycoming game, the Rangers honored the four seniors, thanking them for their dedi-

cation to the team and praising the examples they've set for the younger players. Strain feels all four have greatly contributed to the success of the team and will be sorely missed next season.

Though she is disappointed with the team's loss to FDU, Strain feels it doesn't take anything away from the Rangers' successful season. "We came out strong for every game. We were able to utilize our playing here at home and only gave up one win on our own field," she said.

According to Racine, the team still has the opportunity to compete in

the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament. Teams will be chosen on Monday after the finals of conference tournaments are played.

Although the 2004 season may continue, the Rangers are already looking toward next year. "We are going to start working hard throughout the summer and come back with a winning mentality," she said. "Our biggest goal is to make it to the NCAAAs, and I know we have the ability to do it. We only get better, and I believe next year is going to be our year."

Hockey's Mahon sets career assists record

Laura Moss
Assistant Sports Editor

Senior field hockey captain Colleen Mahon is not simply the Ranger of the Week. She has been an all-star for more than seven days. She has been an integral part of the Drew field hockey team since she first stepped on the turf.

In an outstanding career, Mahon's most recent accomplishment is breaking the record for career assists in a game against Manhattanville College. With 44 assists, Mahon sits atop the list even before finishing her senior season.

Assists require scorers to convert opportunities. Mahon had two of those — 2004 graduate Kara Fetter last season and senior Ellen Balkovec this year. But field hockey coach Kelly Ford said that Fetter and Balkovec's success takes nothing away from Mahon's record.

"All of her assists were deserved. She's totally unstoppable in the circle. For as little as she is, she's fearless."

Mahon owns other records as well. She ranks first in assists per season, a record she set last year when she notched 18. In fact, she has the potential to break her own record this season, already tallying 17 assists with time to add to that total. The team will play at least one more game — the Freedom Conference final this Saturday — with the chance to play a few more games in the postseason. The Rangers are ranked first in the conference and are expected to beat Scranton University. A win will guarantee them at least one additional game — and give Mahon the opportunity to gather more stats.

Other top ten lists featuring Mahon include career goals, 52; career points, 149; and points in a season, 46.

"Colleen has played in every

game since she's been here and started every one," Ford said. "She leads by example, always hustling."

Fetter, Mahon's three-year teammate, joins Mahon on many of the top 10 lists. The duo combined offensively since Mahon's freshman year, dominating the conference like no other pair.

The Rangers did just as well this season, despite Fetter's absence. This is due, in large part, to Mahon's leadership.

Since Mahon first joined the team, the Rangers compiled a 53-29 record, including three consecutive Freedom Conference championships. They are 5-1 in conference play and are paced to continue their championship streak this season.

Overall, Mahon leads the Rangers with 16 goals and 17 assists. She was named Player of the Year for the regular season and rumors among conference officials indicate that she is a possible All-American choice.



BRITTANY WESTCOTT

Senior captain Shinobu Bharaj does fancy footwork at FDU in what may be the final game of her Drew soccer career.

Ranger of the Week

Competition runs from Nimick and Drew

Ben Rosenthal
Contributing Writer

The men's soccer team's starting right half back, junior Craig Nimick, has been burning up the sideline lately, helping the Rangers reach the Freedom Conference Finals for the seventh consecutive season. After a 6-1 victory over Wilkes University Tuesday, the team faces Lycoming University tomorrow.

Nimick's great play on the wing has helped to push them in the winning direction. The Rangers' have won four in a row and nine games out of 10 to put themselves into position to go back to the NCAA tournament.

"As a winger he is a very dangerous player," Head Coach Lenny Armuth said. "He can serve the ball with his right or left foot and he likes getting into the box to score goals."

Nimick is happy with the Rangers' play recently. "We've been connecting on the field well lately, especially in the second half, and

if we can continue that type of play through a whole game we could go far this year," he said.

Nimick has come out strong offensively in the last three games. In the Rangers' 6-1 victory over cross town rival Fairleigh Dickinson University - Florham last Wednesday, he scored 2 goals in the second half to help put the Devils away.

He displayed an especially deft touch on his second goal before blasting it into the roof of the net.

He later helped the Rangers score its only goal in 1-0 overtime victory over the University of Scranton last Saturday, finding junior Derek Swanner on a free kick early in the overtime period.

"[Craig] has been running his defender up and down the field in the last few games, making life difficult for the opposing team," Swanner said. "He also has been finding extra inspiration in the second half where he has been doing a lot of his damage."

He capped off this three-game streak with another goal in the con-

ference semi-finals against Wilkes scoring from a corner kick. On the season Nimick has 4 goals and 3 assists for a total of 11 points. Three of his four goals have come in the second half.

"His fitness is unbelievable that he can run all day at the same speed and a lot of teams don't have players who can keep up with him," Armuth said.

"We also do a lot of fitness at practice and that helps a lot in the second half of a game."

It is win or go home at this point in the season and the Rangers are looking to ride their winning streak as far as they can.

"We have to leave everything on the field at this point in the season because a loss means no tomorrow," Nimick said. "Hopefully we will continue to play well together and do whatever it takes to keep our season alive."

The next step is the conference championship tomorrow at 1p.m. against Lycoming College at home, the winner receiving an NCAA Tournament berth.

Nimick's Statistics

Year: Junior

Major: Biology

Position: Outside midfield

2-mile time: 10 minutes, 25 seconds

On the season

Games started: 18/19

Goals: 4

Assists: 3

Points: 11

In the past three games

Games started: 3/3

Goals: 3

Assists: 1

Points: 7

Coach's comments: "His fitness is unbelievable. A lot of teams don't have players who can keep up with him."

Teammate Derek Swanner's comments: "Craig has been running his defender up and down the field."



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Men's soccer and field hockey fight for spots in NCAAs

Men's soccer advances to finals with 6-1 win over Wilkes University

Rachel Moss
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One of the most difficult achievements in sports is to beat the same team twice in one season. Ironically, it was lucky for the Drew men's soccer team that they had lost to Wilkes University during the regular season. When they faced the Colonels in the Freedom Conference semifinals this Tuesday, they did not have to overcome a team looking for revenge.

Instead, the Rangers were the ones to enter the game fired up and ready to avenge their only regular season loss in the conference. In their first conference game, Wilkes defeated Drew 2-1. At that point in the season, the Rangers dealt with a number of injuries and were also at a disadvantage because the game was played on Wilkes' home field.

Things turned out very differently during Tuesday's game. Because of the size and speed of Drew's turf, the Rangers were able to create space and opportunities that were impossible when they had played on Wilkes' smaller field in September. Whereas the Rangers' lone goal during the regular season game came off a penalty kick, Drew scored 6 goals, none of which came off set plays. The Rangers won 6-1 and advanced to Freedom Conference finals.

Five different Rangers scored in the victory. Junior Derek Swanner scored the first goal just two minutes into the game after picking up a rebound off his own shot. Junior Brett Reeder added to the lead before halftime on a header. Although Wilkes scored the opening goal of the second half, they were never able to overcome the Rangers' lead. Reeder, junior Craig Nimick and sophomores Matt Sidie and Brian Dempsey all scored in the second half.

The game represented the accumulation of all the Rangers have worked for during the season. "Our goal was to make it to the NCAA tournament. That's what we've been working for since last spring, over the summer and on our trip to Europe," Head Coach Lenny Armuth said. "We wanted an opportunity to win our league. That's how you get to the NCAAs." If Drew wins on Saturday, they will



BRANDON PICCHIERRI
Sophomore midfielder Joe Favata takes a throw-in during Tuesday's semifinal win over Wilkes.

earn a spot in the NCAA tournament.

Earlier in the week the Rangers earned the victory that clinched their No. 1 seed and home-field advantage in the tournament when they traveled to the University of Scranton for their final regular season game. The teams battled through regulation but neither was able to get on the scoreboard. It took overtime to determine the outcome of the game.

The Rangers accomplished in the first minute of overtime what they had been unable to do throughout regulation. Swanner scored the game-winner after 54 seconds off an assist from Nimick. Because overtime is sudden-death, the game ended with the goal and the Rangers rushed the field to celebrate their victory.

Drew will host the Freedom Conference Championship tomorrow at 1 p.m. The Rangers will take on Lycoming College, the third-seed, which defeated second-seed DeSales University 2-1 on Tuesday. "We're just going to focus on playing our game — good defense and then get a break and score some goals," Armuth said. "We're peaking at the right time and we're just getting better."

Armuth's confidence comes from the team's previous performance against Lycoming. Earlier in the season the Rangers defeated Lycoming 2-0. In the finals they will attempt to achieve that difficult task of beating the same team twice.

Rangers' hockey takes on Scranton for conference final and NCAA bid

Alison Robbins
Sports Editor

One is the magic number for Drew's field hockey team. It needs only one more win in the Freedom Conference Finals tomorrow to receive its first automatic bid to the national tournament. The Rangers would get an automatic bid because a new rule in the conference guidelines this season guarantees a spot to the conference tournament winner.

The Rangers took the first step toward the tournament on Wednesday, when 2 second-half goals sent the Rangers past Wilkes University, 2-0, in the Freedom Conference semifinals.

In a game the Rangers expected to dominate from the beginning, they didn't take advantage of their opportunities when they arose.

"We came out strong, but we

started playing at their slower pace," Head Coach Kelly Ford said. "We did not capitalize on our own game when we should have."

In the second half, the Rangers "stepped it up," according to Ford. First, sophomore Alyssa Bobe scored on a rebound from a corner deflected by seniors Erika Nelson and Colleen Mahon. Seven minutes later, freshman Meghan Santaniello scored the Rangers' final goal.

Only eight days prior, the Rangers defeated Wilkes 4-3 in a regular season game. "Wilkes came out cleaner than when we played them last week," Ford said.

Tomorrow, the Rangers play the University of Scranton for the Freedom Conference finals. The Rangers defeated Scranton 3-2 in double overtime earlier this season. Ford believes Scranton is a good match-up for the Rangers. "They're an athletic team that plays well together," she said.

However, the Rangers will not alter their game plan. "We need to come out with a sense of urgency and play that way for 70 minutes," Ford said. Santaniello echoed her

coach. "We need to play as a unit on their weaknesses."

"We need to play our passing game around them because they're aggressive," Bobe said.

If the Rangers win it would be the team's fifth consecutive conference title, but its first bid to NCAAs. In previous years, the conference hasn't had enough teams to give the winner an automatic bid.

"We're in the harder seat," Ford said. "We've done it for four years. We have everything to lose. Scranton has nothing to lose."

On Wednesday, four Rangers were named to the All-Conference team. Senior Sarah Bergmann and junior Brittany Westcott were named to the first team and senior Ellen Balkovec was named to the second team.

However, the Rangers' biggest accolade was for Mahon, who was named Freedom Conference Player of the Year.

The Rangers play tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. on the Turf against Scranton for the Freedom Conference finals.

Rugby's last stand



Men's rugby takes on Hofstra University in their final game of the season. See Page 18 for the full story.

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